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As we went to press, Melbourne Croatia was cutting a swathe through red tape in an 11th hour bid to bring star import Ian Wallace to Melbourne in time for Saturday's Buffalo Gold Cup Final against South Melbourne Hellas.

The former Scottish international already has received his international clearance and Croatia officials have just about fixed up all his Immigration Department requirements.

Croatia also announced this week that it had clinched the signature of 23-year-old midfielder Branko Mitosevic from Osijek who should arrive in about three weeks' time, along with Croatia's other star Scottish import, Willie Herd from Patrick Thistle.

WALLACE TO FACE HELLAS?

The Buffalo Cup Final kicks off at 8.15pm on Saturday and Croatia is that confident of victory that it has hired the top room in the York Butter Factory, a well-known Melbourne night spot, in which to hold its celebrations.

If Croatia coach Terry Hennessy is right about Paul Lewis's goalscor-

ing prowess then Croatia will win.

The curtain raiser is the Buffalo Junior Cup Final between Croatia and Brunswick Juventus. That game gets underway at 6.15pm.

The biggest difference between Croatia and Hellas lies in attack.

Hellas boasts two front runners whose

ability at this level is proven — Charlie Egan and Danny Wright.

Lewis has shown what he's capable of over the last few seasons and certainly there are few forwards who take their chances as well as the Croatia ace. However, Hennessy has used both Andy Humble and Tony Lemezzina as Lewis's

partners in the Buffalo Cup which shows that the Croatia boss is a bit undecided about that other berth in attack. Of course, should Wallace arrive in time he'll partner Lewis.

The last time these sides met in a Buffalo Cup Final — back in 1984 — they turned on one of the finest spectacles for years. That

clash had everything and had fans on their feet for most of the 90 minutes. It had absolutely breathtaking goals — Doug Brown's and Oscar Crino's in particular and Hellas ran out a 3-1 victor.

But if Hellas has the more settled attack, Croatia has the better defence, in fact Croatia's defensive record in the Buffalo Cup is the finest in the competition. Croatia conceded its first goal of the tournament during last weekend's 2-1 semi-final win over Heidelberg.

Croatia will have to pressure Hellas effectively in midfield to curtail the supply of passes to Egan and Wright and Hellas's most creative midfielder clearly is former Glasgow Celtic player Danny Craine.

Hellas has been on fire since the start of the Buffalo Cup when its attack gradually has improved. In tournaments such as this that gradual improvement often is the best indicator of final prospects.

Whatever happens, we're in for a titanic struggle. See you at Olympic Park.



• Ally Dick

Macedonia signs up Ally Dick

Preston Macedonia agreed terms with disgruntled Frankston Pines striker Ally Dick this week and hopes to complete his transfer this weekend.

Dick took Pines to the VSF tribunal last week and had his transfer fee cut from \$12,500 to \$8,000.

But Macedonia's rebuilding plans don't stop at Dick. The club has started negotiations with a striker from Yugoslav First Division club Vardar and a striker from Scottish Premier League club Dundee.

Macedonia will sign one of them and which striker gets the nod depends on how negotiations go over the next fortnight.

"We're determined to get a striker who is currently playing at the highest level overseas even if that means that he arrives here two or three weeks later than we would have liked," said Macedonia president John Branov.

Midfielder Zoran Tasevski from Yugoslav Second Division club Tetex, arrives today (Thursday). He played with Vardar from 1976 to 1984. In 1985 he was with Dinamo Vinokovci and moved to Tetex last year.

Relegated clubs owe

NSL \$75,000

West End NSL clubs met in Sydney last weekend and were told that over \$75,000 is owed to the league from clubs relegated last season.

The meeting also revealed details of sponsorship deals involving the South Australian Brewing Company, Beach Fashions and Mitre.

The SA brewers will give the league a cash grant of \$250,000 this year, \$275,000 next year, \$300,000 in 1989 and \$325,000 in 1990.

Beach Fashions, new sponsors of the Leisurewear Cup, will give the league \$35,000 this year, \$40,000 in 1988 and \$45,000 in 1989. Beach Fashions also will supply West End WSL clubs with an extensive range of their products.

Apart from supplying match and training balls, Mitre also will give the league \$15,000 this season.

And club bosses were told that league officials still are negotiating with prospective sponsors and hope to announce other deals shortly.

SBS TV will spend \$50,000 this year to secure rights to West End NSL matches. SBS plans to screen at least six live "Match of the Day" programs in 1987 and also will cover the Leisurewear National Cup which gets underway on April 8, involving just the 14 NSL clubs.

Two clubs will have a bye in the first round of the cup. The first two rounds are expected to be organised on a regional basis and the final will be a two-legged affair. All Cup games will be played on Wednesday nights.

The total prizemoney for the 1987 Leisurewear National Cup is \$67,000. First round winners will receive \$2,000 while losers and the two clubs with a bye will get \$1,000. Second round winners receive \$2,500, losers get \$1,500, semi-final winners receive \$3,000, losers \$2,000 and the Cup winner will earn \$14,000 in prizemoney with the runner-up receiving \$7,000.

Affiliation fees for 1987 were set at \$20,000 per club, to be paid in \$5,000 instalments, the first by February 5, the second by April 5, the third by May 5 and the final instalment by June 5. Clubs failing to meet these deadlines could face having league officials manning their gates and having gatemoney confiscated up to the amount owing.

Each club also will pay \$5,000 to the league for promotions this year.

The launch of the 1987 West End NSL will be held in Sydney on March 23 and will cost \$9,000. The end-of-year awards night will cost \$20,000. Clubs also will contribute to the cost of producing TV advertising which amounts to \$25,000. In all, the league has budgeted to spend \$60,000 on TV advertising this year. And \$10,000 has been set aside for newspaper advertising.

Some clubs wanted to change the system of player cautions, preferring a system whereby three cautions automatically incurred a one-match suspension but that move was vetoed. The current points system of a one-game suspension for accumulating 12 points and two games for 24 points remains in force.

Referees were granted a \$40 pay rise for West End NSL matches. In 1987, the refs will earn \$150 a game, linesmen \$80 and inspectors \$30. St George and national coach Frank Arok argued strongly for a \$250 match payment for referees but didn't get the numbers.

"Bloody hell, if we want professionalism in this game then let's pay referees a decent wage so that we can attract the best people

possible. Why does everyone keep saying that the referees are terrible when there is no incentive to get the best people into the best competition?" said Arok.

Nick Papallo, the former APIA chairman; Tony Kovac, honorary life president of Footscray JUST; and Michael Weinstein, former VSF chairman, were elected to the league's executive. Sam Pappasavas remains chairman of the West End NSL and Tony Labbozetta is vice chairman.

— CRAIG MAC KENZIE

Doumanis: Milan Lukic will stay

Sydney Olympic president Tom Doumanis this week angrily denied rumors that his club was about to dump coach Milan Lukic.

"What a load of crap," said Doumanis.

"All this sort of talk has come about because we sacked Vicente Estavillo and Peter Katholos but it's just a storm in a tea cup and when Mike Coady and Martyn Rogers come back from England and our supporters see what sort of team we have this whole matter will be forgotten.

"As far as our club is concerned we are 100 per cent behind Milan Lukic.

"The Estavillo thing was a very difficult situation for us. To put it bluntly, we couldn't afford to pay him what his talents deserve while he's sitting on the bench or in the grandstand. Maybe others can afford that luxury but not Olympic."

APIA and Footscray JUST are among the clubs interested in Katholos, who has played for the Socceros 23 times and also played with Greek club Larissa. Lukic apparently made the decision to dump the pair because he believed that too many holes were appearing in Olympic's midfield. Estavillo and Katholos were dumped after Olympic's shock 1-4 loss to Blacktown in the quarter-finals of the State Bank Challenge Cup.

"Skill and flair may look great from the grandstand but it doesn't mean a thing if you don't get results," said Doumanis.

"Our supporters want to see a winning Olympic side and I think that's what they're going to see soon."

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Survival of the species was in their own hands

Although never featuring the creme de le creme of world soccer, the President's Cup, in which Australia is to make its debut this year, has certainly attracted some of the better teams among the skimmed milk.

Donated by the late South Korean president Park Chung Hee in 1971 and originally intended to match South Korea against its east Asian neighbors, the President's Cup evolved in status alongside the host's international soccer aspirations. It is now among the most prestigious annual tournaments in Asia.

After restricting entrants to Asian teams during the Cup's first five years, the organisers, the South Korean federation, then looked beyond its own continent for participants. Since 1976, 37 countries have been represented.

Among the illustrious sides to journey to Korea have been the Sao Paulo state selection, Bangu and Athletico Mineiro (Brazil), Washington Diplomats

President's Cup is Asia's best



(USA), Racing Cordoba and Huracan (Argentina), PSV Eindhoven (Holland), Alianza (Peru), Cercle Brugge and Lierse (Belgium), Central Espanol (Uruguay) and Bayer Leverkusen (West Germany), as well as Asian, African and Central American national selections.

The combined factors of strong visiting teams, the always competitive South Korean combinations determination to impress, the enthusiasm of large crowds (75,000 saw last year's final and most of the earlier games drew attendances over 10,000) and substantial prize money make the President's Cup a very competitive event.

In addition, the Socceroos will be given an early opportunity to experience the conditions they can expect if qualifying for the Olympic finals. Like the President's Cup will be staged in the provincial cities of Pusan, Tegu, Kwang Ju and Taejon in addition to Seoul.

Certainly, the President's Cup will be of much greater value to the Australians than a semi-serious tournament involving British teams likely to be tourists in every sense of the word.

— PAUL MOON

Just in case you think I am somewhat obsessed with the ethnic issue of soccer, you're damn right. For too long this "delicate matter" has been either ignored or, worse, crudely manhandled. Senior soccer in this country, say at NSL level, is very much an ethnic affair, those who pretend otherwise are only fooling themselves.

Of course, this doesn't exclude soccer-loving Australians and one can only wish that we had more of them. But we don't and I guess soccer will never be a more "important" sport (to the public and the media) than cricket is in Argentina or surfing in landlocked Liechtenstein.

But back to the NSL. A few weeks ago in a brief essay, I wrote about the "Club Med" character of the League, that 12 of the 14 clubs are backed by clubs and people from the shores of the Mediterranean and that, soon perhaps, all 14 will be in the same fold.

Once Sydney City and St. George, with gradually melting support, decide to throw in the towel, we won't have any non-Med club in the NSL until, perhaps, one day the Lebanese, Chinese, Vietnamese or the dormant South Americans will create one.

All this was plainly avoidable when the NSL was formed — and I don't use 20/20 hindsight for this statement.

When vague plans and ideas were tossed about in 1975 for the start of the NSL, it seemed clear to me that the spiritual leadership and organisational ability was provided by officials of Hakoah and St. George, bulldozing the League through to its birth with the ASF at first opposed, then consenting to an idea — and ultimately cleverly gaining control.

Both Hakoah and St. George felt, at that time — very correctly, too — that without a viable national league they themselves would wither into oblivion.

For them the national league was a matter of life and death.

What they didn't say was that the league was far less important to clubs like Juventus Adelaide, Melbourne Hellas, Marconi and others who would, through the sheer strength of their following, survive if not prosper, in ANY league.

That's why the early leadership of the NSL came from these two clubs in the persons of Frank Lowy and Alex Pongracz.

Had they accepted one vital piece of advice, perhaps the NSL would be a bit stronger and less Club-Med like at present and in the years to come.

My advice was simple: right from the start, in 1977, make clubs split all gate revenues, somewhat along the lines of the National Football League in the USA where the ratio is 60% to the home team and 40% to the visitors.

It was obvious to me then, some 12 years ago, that because of the peculiar geographic and other problems in Australia, such a split was necessary to ensure the survival of clubs without the huge populations of Greek and Italian colonies.

This may sound a little para-



THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

tical; some may argue that I am advocating a system whereby clubs with less populous support benefit from the presence of others. Yes I do.

Such a system is not really new; it has been used successfully in very many European countries for ages.

The logic of it is simply this: if, say, a Hakoah team is able to pack a stadium in Melbourne or Adelaide, why shouldn't they share the financial benefit of their own appeal?

That's exactly what has been happening in the NSL for many years now: Hakoah, with first class management and coaching, have been able to dominate the NSL and, through their own special appeal, draw in excellent crowds in other cities — and at other Sydney grounds — without getting a single penny for it.

And because they themselves have no potential power-base, relying on the very small Jewish community of Sydney, they are now continuously flirting with the idea of packing it in and forgetting about senior soccer.

And all this by a club which has a classic clubhouse, at Bondi, than any other football (not just soccer) club in the country.

Of course, I could have used St. George too, as an example who are only a few hesitant steps behind Hakoah but without their ally's brilliant results.

And this despite owning a marvellous, large social club and Sydney's most modern soccer stadium ...

Meanwhile, Sydney Olympic and their predecessors, Pan Hellenic, haven't got either a clubhouse or a home ground to show for some 30 years of 'effort ...' but will survive in the NSL because there happen to be some 300,000 Greeks in Sydney (maybe 200,000 maybe 400,000; I don't know).

Had the shared-gate takings been part and parcel of the NSL from the start, the present lopsided ethnic distribution of clubs could have been avoided.

Even Brisbane Lions (Dutch-based) might have survived; after all, for most of their NSL sojourn, they had one of the best and most progressive managements in the country and are still an affluent club — with investments. Their only 'crime' is that the largely English-speaking Dutch migrants have been sucked into the Australian community and vanished, rather than forming a 'Little Rotterdam' at Marrickville, Leichhardt, Fairfield, St. Kilda and elsewhere.

Of course, it's too late now to introduce a gate sharing plan: the more populous clubs merely shrug their shoulders over the plight of their less fortunate colleagues and try to ensure their own survival.

The time to do that was early in the piece when the leadership was in the hands of Hakoah and St. George.

They omitted to do it. They created the NSL, built a vitriolic structure — and thereby ensured their own early demise.

Vae victis, as the Latins used to say.

English fans rampage!

English fans went on the rampage in the midland city of Derby last week setting fire to a car and attacking a black community centre, police said.

A spokeswoman said 20 fans were arrested during unrest before a match between Derby

County and Portsmouth, two second-division clubs. Two policemen were hurt.

The spokeswoman said the trouble started when some 60 youths from Portsmouth in southern England, attacked the centre, causing considerable damage but slight injuries to people inside.

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TINY TOGO'S OFF TO CHILE

The small African republic of Togo has qualified for the World Youth Championship Finals to be held later this year in Chile.

Already, eight nations have qualified. The European qualifying series gets underway shortly.

Let's look at the continental

MEXICO BEST

Mexico has played in all five World Youth Championship Finals, a feat unmatched in world soccer.

The youth finals are held every two years. The first finals were held in Tunisia in 1977. Since then the venues have been Japan, Australia, Mexico and the USSR.

Australia has figured in three youth finals series. Here is the list of participation in previous finals series:

1: Mexico
2: Brazil, Uruguay, USSR, Spain
3: Argentina, Poland, Korea Rep, Paraguay, Australia, Hungary
4: Nigeria, England, China PR, Ivory Coast, USA, Canada, Italy, Tunisia, Australia
5: Germany FR, Romania, Qatar, Honduras, Bulgaria, Scotland, Czechoslovakia, Netherlands, Egypt, Portugal, Algeria, Colombia, France, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Yugoslavia, Japan, Iraq, Cameroon, Ireland Rep, Morocco, Guinea, Indonesia

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19.10.86 Tunisia v Togo 1:1.

21.10.86 Togo v Tunisia 0:0.

22.11.86 Egypt v Nigeria 2:1

Semi-finals: 12.12.86 Morocco v Togo 1:0, Nigeria v Somalia 1:0.

11.1.87 Somalia v Nigeria 0:1.

0:1 Togo v Morocco 2:0.

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TOGO, NIGERIA

OCEANIA (OFC)

Oceania Youth Tournament 1987, Auckland, New Zealand:

17.1.87 Australia v Fiji 7:0.

New Zealand v Israel 1:1.

19.1.87 Fiji v Chinese Taipei 3:3.

Australia v Israel 1:1.

21.1.87 Fiji v Israel 0:0.

Chinese Taipei v N. Zealand 0:0.

23.1.87 Fiji v New Zealand 0:0.

Chinese Taipei v Australia 0:5.

26.1.87 Israel v Chinese Taipei 5:1.

New Zealand v Australia 0:3.

Qualified for the IV World Youth Championship 1987:

AUSTRALIA

CONMEBOL

Group A:

23.1.87 Brazil v Ecuador 2:0.

24.1.87 Argentina v Peru 3:2.

26.1.87 Argentina v Ecuador 0:0.

28.1.87 Ecuador v Peru 2:1.

30.1.87 Argentina v Brazil 1:0.

1.2.87 Brazil v Peru 5:1.

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ARGENTINA

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24.1.87 Chile v Bolivia 3:1.

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'Davo,' Crino, Roos again?

By CRAIG KENZIE

Oscar Crino and Alan Davidson will return to the Soccerroo training squad next month and there's every chance that Danny Craine, Angie Postecoglou and George Hannah also will be in the squad preparing for the international tournament in Australia in May-June and the President's Cup in South Korea.

National coach Frank Arok watched the semi-finals of the Buffalo Cup last Saturday night and said that he was keen to have two of his former stars back in action.

"We'll include both Davidson and Crino in our camps. I know that Crino is out of the game because of the problems he's having with his club in Cyprus (Anorthosis) but no-one can stop us from having a normal relationship with him," said Arok.

The main Soccerroo squad won't play in Perth in the big international tournament organised by Westat that involves Australia, Glasgow Celtic, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest. However that squad will play against Forest and United in the early rounds of the tournament before preparing for its Olympic Park clash with Everton on Wednesday, June 3. The day after that match, Arok takes his squad to Seoul for the President's Cup.

A second-string Soccerroo squad will complete Australia's commitments in the Westat tournament but Arok has made it clear that that squad will be very competitive.

"We have to please the sponsors and maintain a high degree of competitiveness in what people are calling our second-string side. Guys like John Kosmina and Zarko Odzakovic no longer represent the future of the national team but they still are great players and I'm hoping that they'll play for us in Perth. Odzakovic was absolutely outstanding last Sunday in the final of the State Bank Challenge Cup."

Arok will take a squad of 18 to Korea, leaving assistant coach Eddie Thomson to look after the other 18-man squad which will compete in the later stages of the Westat tournament.

Arok received good news this week when sweeper and Soccerroo captain Charlie Brookes of APIA had a protective brace removed from his right leg after sustaining a knee injury in the early rounds of the State Bank Challenge Cup.

Yankos immediately started jogging and is confident of being ready for the opening round of the 1987 West End NSL on the weekend of March 28 and 29.

"It's good news that I can at last get back into full training," Yankos said.

"I had to walk around at first just to get used to being without the brace and I have another appointment with my specialist shortly but it looks as though I'll be able to play in the opening league game against St George."

Arok planned to start a series of training camps on Wednesday, April 8, but that plan has been thrown into confusion for the Leisurewear National Cup kicks off that night.

"Great, isn't it? Once again we can't get things organised for the national team. It's bloody hopeless," said Arok.

The schedule for the Westat tournament is:

Monday, May 25: Australia v Nottingham Forest at Parramatta Stadium in Sydney.

Wednesday, May 27: Australia v Manchester United at Olympic Park No. 1 in Melbourne.

Friday, May 29: Nottingham Forest v Celtic at Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide.

Saturday, May 30: Manchester United v Celtic at Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide.

Saturday, May 31: Nottingham Forest v Manchester United at the WACA in Perth.

Tuesday, June 2: Australia v Celtic at the WACA in Perth.

Thursday, June 4: Finals double header, 4th v 3rd, 2nd v 1st at the WACA in Perth.

All games will be played in...



Alan Davidson

Footscray JUST last weekend raised \$100,000 at an extraordinary general meeting and this weekend Tony Amon is expected to return to the presidency.

Amon resigned during the off-season after members voted against his proposal to turn the club into a company and sell shares to members.

That share issue is expected to be passed at another club meeting at Schintler Reserve this Sunday and Amon is expected to take over from his successor, George Marinkovic, but Marinkovic should remain on the JUST executive.

The \$100,000 was raised through \$5,000 donations from 20 members. Throughout this week other members have been approached by the club to make a similar donation and on Sunday, all those chipping in \$5,000 will vote on the composition of the club's board of management.

If, as expected, Amon's share proposal is passed at Sunday's meeting, only 49 percent of the share issue will be available to members.

JUST coach Dragoslav Sekularac called on the committee recently to buy players and was very pleased at the outcome of last weekend's meeting.

"JUST fans can expect us now to again have a very strong team," said Sekularac.

JUST gets \$100,000

Yugoslav import Alex Radivojevic arrived yesterday (Wednesday) and Sekularac hasn't given up hope of luring back Vlado Stolic, who joined JUST last year and made a huge impression. Stolic currently is playing with Yugoslav Second Division club Maidanpek, on loan from Red Star Belgrade.

JUST currently is negotiating with six top-class players in Australia and as we went to press still had made the best offer to former Soccerroo Peter Katholos who quit Sydney Olympic two weeks ago, although the midfielder also was considering an offer from APIA. Katholos and his wife recently bought a new house in Sydney so he's a bit reluctant to head south.

Yugoslavia's top ref has settled in Sydney

Stojan Ilijevski, the Yugoslav referee, has migrated to Australia. And if his credentials are any indication of his class then we are going to have a fine addition to our refereeing ranks.

At 39 years of age Ilijevski has an outstanding reputation. During the last World Youth Cup Finals he was voted the best referee of the tournament. He has been a constant fixture at First Division games in Yugoslavia over the last five years.

Ilijevski was at the State Bank Challenge Cup Final in Sydney last Sunday and is very keen to continue his refereeing career in Australia.

Redmond is listed

Tony Redmond was transfer listed by Melbourne Croatia last week at \$5,000 but that figure is negotiable.

Redmond joined Croatia last year from Brisbane Lions for \$2,000. He's a former Canberra player and can be used in either defence or midfield.

Clubs interested in contacting Redmond can do so by phoning Croatia coach Terry Hennessy at home on 222 3252.

Bobby Toal available

Bobby Toal has been transfer listed by Victorian State League club Northcote at his own request.

Toal, 29, is a former Geelong, George Cross and Green Gully striker and scored nine goals in 11 games with Northcote last season.

Clubs interested in signing Toal can contact him at home on 367 5031.

WA taxpayers can breathe a sigh of relief



Straight Shooting with PETER SCOTT

This week's special kudos must go to the West Australian Soccer Federation in the wake of its rejection of the most amazing sporting scheme ever concocted in Australia.

As reported on the front page of 'Soccer Action' a fortnight ago, the WASF knocked on the head a scheme which would have involved \$5 million in funding from the State government. From what I read the whole convoluted plan sounds like something dreamt up by people with just a bit too much free time on their hands!

An astro-turf stadium? An eight team "pro" league, with all matches played at the one venue (the "Super Stadium", no less)? And, last but not least, a government-appointed commission taking over the running of soccer's affairs from WASF officials?

Has anyone gone crazy? Let us take some of the relevant points one by one.

What benefit is it to soccer to have matches played exclusively on artificial turf, a surface universally disliked and almost universally ignored in world football?

How would such conditions prepare our youngsters to taking on foreign opposition on natural grass and why is artificial turf needed in the excellent climate of Perth?

May I also ask our readers to ponder how the concentration of all teams in the one venue — thus destroying any semblance of district or community identity even before the first ball is kicked — could assist in the promotion of soccer and the spreading of its message to all corners of WA?

Or do the gurus of the west know something none of the rest of us do?

And this brings me to the piece de resistance — a government-appointed commission, no less.

Now then, keen readers of Soccer Action over the past decade would be aware that I and my colleagues have had occasion to criticise soccer administrators.

But, whatever its shortcomings, the present system is still a lot better than the intrusion of government to a larger extent than it already has.

AIS blues

Under this half-baked proposition, soccer in the west would have become nothing more than an appendage of the public service, or another of the dreaded quangos.

And we know how the State and Federal Public services are blessed with in this country operate.

No sir, the last thing that sport in general and soccer in particular needs in this country is a controlling involvement by governments of any kind!

Just supposing the scheme was accepted by WASF clubs, leading to the inevitable decay of existing clubs, who would have nowhere to go in future. What would happen if a change in funding policies was put in place by the present Labor government, or a possible future Liberal-National coalition?

What if the funds were cut off?

And how long a period was the \$5 million hand-out supposed to cover?

For a government to even contemplate spending taxpayers' money in such a nonsensical fashion at a time when the states' share of federal funds is about to be drastically pruned, is revealing indeed.

I can't help thinking that Premier Burke and his Labor colleagues could find any number of useful ways of spending \$5 million in areas such

as health, education, assistance to needy families, easing the burden of sky-high interest rates on small businessmen and homeowners — the list is endless.

Even in the area of sports and recreation a bit of imagination could find useful ways of investing such a respectable sum.

Ron Smith has been appointed as Jimmy Shoulder's successor at the Australian Institute of Sport's soccer unit.

Johnny Warren missed out.

I am not in a position to comment whether this decision was right or wrong, since I have not seen the submissions or sat in on the interviews conducted by the committee which eventually chose Smith.

By golly, though, I would love to have seen those submissions.

One thing is for sure, Smith will have to come up with solid results and achievements over the next year or two.

As I said previously in these pages, platitudes simply will not do!

The taxpayers of Australia demand results from the AIS in soccer the same as in all the other sports operating under its aegis.

Summer heat

The summer heat has gotten to a few soccer personalities, or so it seems, whenever the possibility of a switch in seasons is mentioned.

I am not at all convinced about the idea's feasibility just as yet; there is a burning need for an all-encompassing examination of every minute aspect of the matter in a calm and thoughtful atmosphere.

However, chances of this eventuating are almost nil.

The near-hysterical media campaign, seeking to prevent rational discussion is taking shape, just as it did some years ago when the idea was first mooted.

As for officials, it was Priceless to read the comments by NSL deputy chairman Tony Labbozetta in another publication.

Summer soccer is "not practical", suggested innovations amount to "pie in the sky" and the sooner they are forgotten the better," said the good Tony.

Then in the very next breath he announced that "he was prepared to be open minded."

Now, imagine dear reader, the situation and comments if Mr Labbozetta was in outright opposition to the idea!

Israel stays

For the foreseeable future, Australia and its Pacific partners are stuck with the Israelis in World and Olympic competition.

Make no mistake about it, our perennial rivals are just as eager to play elsewhere as we are to see them go, but, contrary to the beliefs of the idealists, sports and politics do mix.

The gutlessness of international sporting bodies — and not just of FIFA either — has given us free hand to those busy promoting political boycotts and the situation is not likely to change anytime soon.

For a week or two ago, the Israelis were denied visas to play in the World Tennis Championships in India.

Such paragons of democratic virtue as Libya, Yemen, Syria, North Korea, Uganda and many, many others were welcomed with open arms.

Oh yes, Israel is in Oceania to stay!

Ad. Juventus V. Mt Wellington

Sydney Hakoah flew the Australian flag with distinction in New Zealand last weekend and this Sunday it's the turn of Adelaide Juventus to firmly establish Australia's dominance over the Kiwis.

Juventus takes on Mt Wellington in the Qantas Pacific League Winners' Cup at Hindmarsh Stadium. SBS TV is providing a live telecast of the big game.

Hakoah was a yard faster and a lot more polished when it defeated North Shore last Sunday in the Qantas Pacific Cup 'Winners' Cup in Auckland.

North Shore had the first clear-cut scoring chance. In the 25th minute Paul Garrison floated in a corner which was back-headed to the far post where Robert Ironside was well positioned to head at goal.

But a header off the line by midfielder Ian Souness kept the Hakoah goal intact.

Five minutes later the deadlock was broken when Grant Lee gathered a long ball, headed it forward, squared to gather and square a pinpoint cross to Abbas Saad who met it on the charge and headed home.

Hakoah made certain of its victory with a second goal six minutes later when Tommy McCulloch snapped up a loose ball just outside the penalty area. He took two quick peaces forward and from just inside the area hit home a well-directed shot.

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Raskopoulos: Marconi's sensational!

Though Sydney Olympic's long serving Peter Raskopoulos has a reputation for having the occasional bet, he won't be putting any money on Olympic to win the league this season.

"I can't afford to bet," Raskopoulos jokes, "the club doesn't pay me enough. I must be the lowest paid player around here now!"

There certainly has been

an influx of expensive new stars to the Olympic line-up over the close-season with the list headed by David Ratcliffe and John Kosmina.

"It's not just experience that these two have to offer Olympic but also their sheer profes-

By JOHN MANGAN

sionalism — they really are both true professionals and it's an education to work with them. With them behind us, I'm really confident about the coming season," says Raskopoulos.

For all Raskopoulos's confidence, Olympic suffered an untimely exit from the State Bank Challenge Cup at the hands of lowly Blacktown.

"We really blew that game. I don't want to take anything away from Blacktown but we were our own undoing that day. We weren't motivated. We didn't approach the game in the right frame of mind, but I can assure you it will be a totally different story when the National League starts. It would have been nice to win the pre-season competition but our preparations are geared towards the beginning of the league season.

"Aside from the game against Blacktown, we gave an

indication of what we can do when we beat Canberra 3-1, so we can obviously score goals." As well as the new players, Olympic has a new coach, Yugoslav Milan Lukic.

"Milan has really been an instant success at the club and has got the team looking very good," says the midfielder.

Olympic will need to be good to make headway in this season's smaller, more competitive National League. Although Raskopoulos confesses to not knowing too much about Adelaide Juventus or the Melbourne clubs he has seen the other Sydney sides in action in the State Bank Cup.

"Marconi is playing sensationally at the moment. The side is scoring a lot of goals. Croatia is a worry too. I think Sydney City could surprise people. Though Eddie Thompson has lost a few men he's got some good young players there."

Raskopoulos began his playing career with Elwood Juniors and moved to Pan Hellenic at the age of 13. He played first, second and third grade games for Pan Hellenic and became

part of the Sydney Olympic set-up.

In 1978 with Sydney Olympic not competing in the National League, Raskopoulos made the move to Marconi, but moved straight back to Olympic when his old club returned to the National League the following season.

Since then he has featured in the Olympic team and made his mark on the international scene as well. He played in the Australian youth teams that competed in the 1979 and 1981 World Youth Cups and has since represented Australia at senior level.

"I've played a few games for Australia since 1981. I'm not really sure how many. I'm not really into the statistics much."

Raskopoulos has in fact worn the green and gold on 29 occasions and played in the Socceroos' tour of China last year.

And apart from his commitments to Olympic and the Socceroos, Raskopoulos also has entered the commercial world, recently purchasing a laundromat.

As it is, Raskopoulos has a big year ahead of him. His confident, casual air should stand him in good stead when the pressure is applied both by the club's new signings for places in the team, and by the other clubs for West End — NSL points as the season unfolds.



● Peter Raskopoulos in action for the Socceroos. "Milan (Lukic) has been an instant success."



● David Ratcliffe (left) and John Kosmina. "It's not just experience that these two have to offer Olympic but also their sheer professionalism."

Falcons to fly high again

Not many clubs can boast a record as spectacular as that of Morwell Falcons.

They rose from the relative obscurity of the Latrobe Valley competition to the Victorian State League in 10 years, winning the State League title and State League Cup, just seven years after starting their campaign for State honors in the Provisional League.

Much of the success of the club can be directly attributed to the leadership and financial support of prominent Latrobe Valley businessman Don Difabrizio.

Don joined the Falcons in 1969 and guided them through their history-making elevation

By KEN KONTRA

to the Victorian championship in an unbroken reign as president for 12 years.

After topping the Provisional League in 1974, 1975 and 1976, the club won promotion through the Metropolitan Divisions each year, with the exception of 1978 when it finished third on goal difference in Third Division.

Significantly, Difabrizio was away on an extended overseas holiday that year, highlighting the obvious influence his involvement has on the fortunes of the club.

Achievements on the playing field are only part of the Morwell Falcons story. In addition to their assault on the Victorian Leagues, the Falcons also built a complex which is unequalled in Victoria.

A total area of some 900 square metres, comprises a main function room with a seating capacity of 500, a members' bar with seating for 100, two other bars, a professionally equipped kitchen, offices, storerooms and dressing rooms.

Obviously, no expense was spared to create a club of which not only the soccer fraternity but the whole Latrobe Valley can be proud of. Some 450 members enjoy the facilities

of this fully licensed club, and the main hall is regularly booked for engagement and wedding parties and most football clubs in the area rent it for their end-of-season dances.

The latest project currently under construction, is the floodlighting of the main pitch. According to Difabrizio, the lights will be second only to Olympic Park No. 1 in capacity, and will be perfectly suitable for night matches at any level.

Elected life member in 1979 and club patron in 1980, Difabrizio decided to retire from the presidency and the direct management of the club, following its most successful year in 1984. The ensuing two years without Difabrizio, were not particularly noteworthy.

Although not directly involved in the day-to-day affairs of the club, Difabrizio was available for consultation and continued to provide financial support. In fact, the membership bar which opened last year was his project, both organisationally and, to a large extent, financially.

Concerned that after two years of the scene, the club may have been heading for a downturn in fortunes, Difabrizio made a comeback to active duty and was nominated and duly elected president again at the end of last year.

"Firstly let me stress that I have always been very fortunate to have the support of excellent committees. I am sure that our current committee and executive are again outstanding in quality and application and as a consequence, there is great optimism and harmony at the club again," said Difabrizio.

"We also have a fine junior set-up, an active ladies auxiliary, a good coaching staff headed by Dave O'Connor and his assistant Gerry Clarke, and a settled playing squad having retained all but two players from last year. Jimmy Train moved to North Dandenong on a free transfer after giving



● Don Difabrizio

four years of great service to the club. Peter Verrecchia was transferred to Fawkner and we signed Stan Webster from Frankston Pines to replace him.

"So we have the necessary pre-requisites to approach the start of the season with a degree of confidence.

"As far as objectives are concerned, perhaps the most important priority is to optimise the use of our facilities, generate more sponsorship and settle our financial commitments. The building of our facilities cost about \$500,000 in cash plus of course almost equal value in voluntary labor. Part of the cost was financed through the bank and I want to pay this off within two years.

"Our biggest expenditure this year will be the installation of floodlights, some \$70,000 in direct costs. So you can see that good financial management is of paramount importance. I want to see the club in a position where it can use this year's profit next year, rather than use this year's income to pay off last year's commitments.

"My next objective is to increase the local content of our first team squad. We already have a number of Latrobe Valley boys in the first team and many potential first team players in the reserves and a constant source of talent through the junior set-up in the Latrobe Valley.

Don't underestimate the man and the potential of Morwell Falcons. With his "strike-rate" anything is possible.

Terzini: I want another chance

Goalkeeper Robert Terzini has no regrets about the breakdown in negotiations over his contract with Victorian State League club Fawkner.

"I've been at the club since it was in the Third Division and helped it rise to the State league, and all my friends are there, but basically the club and I couldn't agree about money so it's time to move on," he says.

Fawkner has just added a new goalkeeper to its squad — Charlie Kasimas from Wertheim.

"I dropped out of the Fawkner team last year when I had an operation on my shoulder. Although I could have gone back earlier, the doctors told me that the longer I left it, the better my shoulder would recover.

"I have been training hard recently, getting back to peak fitness and have been lifting a lot of weights to build up strength in my arms so that I don't get the same sort of injury again.

"I want to play State League this season — that's why I'm training so hard at the moment. I know I can, and I've proven it in the past. I realise that people may have doubts about me because I was out last season but if they give me a chance and see me in action I can show them that I'm back to full fitness."

Starting his career with Juventus, Terzini joined Fawkner when it was in the Third Division of the old Metropolitan League. The club won successive championships from 1980 to 1982 to climb into State League.

"Greg Schipano, the president at Fawkner, was the driving force behind the club's success. It was his dream to make Fawkner a big club. Though the club built its team on Italian foundations it was never afraid to give Greeks,

Scots or other people a go — as long as they were local boys," says Terzini.

Fawkner has had a procession of top-line coaches while Terzini has been there starting with Mike Lynn and then Cedo Cirivko. Fawkner won the Dockerty Cup in 1984 under Gus MacLeod.

Now Frank McAleer is coach and Terzini is no longer a part of his plans.

"Peter Wilson, the former New Zealand keeper, came in to take my spot in the team last year and now the club has signed Kasimas so I'm looking elsewhere."

— JOHN MANGAN



● High flying Fawkner goalie Rob Terzini punches clear. Terzini and Fawkner failed to reach an agreement over a new contract but the former Brunswick Juventus

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Phil Domingo is the Marketing Manager of A1 and is available to discuss discounts with clubs on bulk purchases. He can be contacted at the chain's Mentone headquarters on 583 9800.

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State Bank Cup
with ALEX VESIC

Vedran Rozic plotted downfall of Marconi

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Slater 10th, Jones 78th) **MARCONI 1** (Wheatley 73rd) at Marconi Stadium, last Sunday. State Bank Challenge Cup Final. Crowd: 10,539. Referee: Farina (M). Sent off: Lowe (M) 89th. Referee: Gary Power 8.

CROATIA: Franken 8, Savor 8, Rozic 9, Viletstra 7, Jennings 8, Rezo 6, Jones 6, Odzakovic 9, Slater 8, Arnold.

MARCONI: James 7, Carter 6 (Gunning 71st, Hen-

deron 7, Gomez 7, Wheatley 8, Lowe 8, Gray 6, Mason 7, Nastevski 8, Farina 6, Maxwell 5.

Croatia celebrated its second successive pre-season Cup Final win after a bruising battle with Marconi.

It was not a game for the faint hearted as both sets of players went into battle in search of the new State Bank Challenge Cup.

The man of the match was Vedran Rozic, followed closely by team mate Zarko Odzakovic. Rozic engineered the downfall of Marconi by stalling its attack.

Worries about the ability of Maxwell, Farina and Nastevski

or set plays with Henderson coming forward were soon wiped out with Mark Jones tailing Zlatko Nastevski and Wally Savor showing Frank Farina.

And while Savor did a fine job on his Soccer team mate, Nastevski showed all his skills, but with no real support from the rest of Marconi's forwards. His ability to shield the ball caused Jones to commit a number of fouls and twice Nastevski found himself in his familiar free kick position near the penalty area.

In the 37th minute he floated

his free kick just over the bar from some 25 metres then a minute later he gave Tony Franken no chance with a Platini-type free kick but the ball hit the post!

With Marconi still in search of a goal Nastevski grabbed possession of the ball and raced some 40 metres then managed to deceive Rozic and send Maxwell through to face Franken. Only a chip was needed but Maxwell muffed it and Croatia lived to fight on.

Nastevski was also on the spot to serve Ian Gray after playing a neat one-two with his

midfield partner. Gray walked into the area but his shot was deflected for a corner at the last moment.

But Rozic came up with the winning formula.

With Jones chasing Nastevski and Savor chasing Farina Maxwell was faced with the enormous task of beating both Rozic and Ray Viletstra on his own and that was just not on. Rozic marshalled his men as if his own life depended on it.

Frequently he remonstrated with the referee over the treatment his players were getting from a certain Marconi forward, but he never lost his cool.

Odzakovic was his captain's mainstay. He constantly beat Craig Mason for the ball in midfield and exerted the sort of superiority you expect from this classy ex-Vardar player.

His ball control and passing gave this game a new dimension and he drew an excited comment from spectator Raul Blanco: "Odzakovic is all class".

Odzakovic never gave up and drew applause for some of his skills. Twice he sent players

through to face James, but neither managed to finish well. His best effort was in the 83rd minute when he drew out two Marconi players then cleverly sent a through ball for Robbie Slater to face James. Slater went wide then cut back infield around Rob Wheatley but his final shot bounced off James to safety.

Slater missed that one but got the goal that mattered.

After only 10 minutes and with Paul Carter on the ball few would expect problems for Marconi. But Carter's pass was over-weighted and James had to dive for it. He managed to get to the ball, but Slater challenged and the ball ran loose.

Slater calmly planted it into the net for the opening goal. Marconi's players claimed that their keeper had been in possession of the ball but to no avail.

Slater continued his good form and worried Marconi's duo of Gerry Gomez and Tony Henderson for the entire game.

After half an hour Slater streaked away from Marconi's defence but his final shot was

well parried by James.

Marconi equalised through Wheatley. And it came after a master stroke by Roberto Vieri, the coach of Marconi. Vieri sent Geoff Gunning on for Carter. Out went a Marconi defender and on came a striker. For a moment Jones was found trailing Gunning but not all that well as Gunning managed to swerve on the edge of the area and send in a useful low cross. Wheatley managed to get to the ball and send it wide of Franken to equalise.

Marconi's defence relaxed a few moments later and paid the price. From a quickly taken throw, Graham Jennings was left all alone on the left flank and his well-directed cross found Graeme Arnold at the far post. A header by Arnold, followed by another from Jones close to the line saw James only able to deflect the ball into the net.

David Lowe was sent off minutes later, obviously for something he said and so ended a sad tale for Marconi and a happy one for Croatia.



● Melita Eagles had an outstanding year in 1986 and they'll be one of the teams to beat again this season. Here's their 1986 squad, back row: Hoggart, McCoy, Meerbari, Hassan, Griffith, Dalton, Pupoval, Vial, Williams, Stone, Serbas, K Wilson, A Wilson (trainer). Front: J Gallacher, McAuland, Laing, Foxman, Farnsworth, Treddinick, Farrugia, Sammut (team manager). Missing: Callanan, McFadden.

Kapetanovic quits!

Damagej Kapetanovic dropped a bombshell on the eve of the kick off of the 1987 NSW State Bank Soccer League when he quits his post as coach of Canterbury.

Kapetanovic's decision stunned Canterbury officials. He apparently left after finding out that the club was going through a lean period and that it could not afford to strengthen its playing staff.

"I would have hoped that he (Kapetanovic) would have met our committee before taking this step but he didn't," said a disappointed Canterbury secretary Mr Ronis.

But that's not all of Canterbury's troubles.

The local council has placed a fee on the use of Arlington Oval that is too exorbitant as far as the club is concerned and as we went to press Canterbury was trying to arrange to play its home games at Mona Park.

Another State Bank Soccer League club, Uruguayan, apparently is faced with a ground rental hike of 300 percent this year. Uruguay now has been forced to move further west and is applying for use of Penrith's Cook Park.

So confusion reigns as the State Bank Soccer League gets underway this weekend. This weekend's games are scheduled to be all played on Sunday but check daily newspapers for venues. The games, with likely winners in capitals are:

Manly Warringah v KURRING-GAI; Inter Monaro v MELITA EAGLES; Uruguayan v WOLLONGONG CITY; Rockdale Ilinden v Sutherland (draw); Wollongong Macedonia v Newcastle Rosebud (draw); Canterbury v CANBERRA; BLACKTOWN v Warringah Freshwater.

The teams with a real chance of winning the championship and a berth in the West End National League for the 1988 season appear to be Blacktown, Melita, Canberra, Rockdale Ilinden, Wollongong City and Sutherland.

Let's look at how they're shaping up going into the 1987 league season:

Melita

The Eagles enjoyed their most successful season ever in 1986 and this year the team has been strengthened by the inclusion of 24-year-old Kiwi international striker Greg Brown from Miramar.

Melita also has signed Anthony Wellbourne from Wollongong Macedonia. Wellbourne won the 'Soccer Action' under 21 Player of

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League last season and he'll link up in midfield with Ray Farrugia, Wayne Farnsworth and Andrew Callanan — that looks like a winning combination to me.

Kenny Wilson has retained the captaincy and the experienced defender can be expected to lead by example. Craig Williams, Graeme Lomas, Tony Cabassi, Billy Griffiths and Greg McCoy have the speed and the enthusiasm to ensure that Melita does well again.

Up front, Andrew Serbas, John Foxman and Warren Dalton all will be vying for positions in what is a very strong squad under the guidance of coach Dennis Hoggart.

Blacktown

When Les Scheinflug took over the position of senior coach at Blacktown at the end of the 1986 season there was no doubt in my mind that Peter Thorpe had chosen well and clearly intends to return to the NSL.

"Les is the coach of the Australian youth team and we have no hesitation in offering him a challenging position at our club. We intend to build on our youth. The job which started with Rale Rasic at this club will now continue in earnest under Les," said Thorpe.

"We are working on a three-year program and our immediate aim is to create a side that will be able to compete against the best Australian club side."

Ralph Maier and Bobby Naumov were drafted from Newcastle, William Jeffrey from Kettering in the UK, Jason van Blerk and Kurt Reynolds from the present Australian under-19 side and Glen Sterrey from Narrabeen. Steve Watson joined from Croatia and along with 12 players from the last year's side Scheinflug has assembled a fine squad.

It is no secret that the Demons are going all out to win the league. Their aspirations will be greatly helped by the energetic Paul Kay, the skilful Brett Thornwaite, Speedy Brian Ellem and an efficient Adam Sandy. Darren Northam who so easily blocked out Marshall Super in the quart final of the State Bank Challenge Cup will retain his position in defence while Ouarnbv.

and Byrne will have to fight hard to find a spot in this team.

Canberra

Augusto Palacios has come back to take charge of Canberra City with one thing in mind: to get back into the NSL via the quickest route possible!

He will have a few "old hands" on deck, none more experienced than Steve Bryant who will lead the defence. Peter Burke and Terry Byrne as well as John Mihalidis are expected to return making this the most solid of all defences in State League.

Tom Sermanni will be the middle defence, Palacios and Jorge Cerro will add class to the manouevring line and Ray Junna, Ian Gibson and Alan Reis will be in attack.

It is expected that the hard tackling Mazis will return to the Canberra defence.

Ilinden

Coached by Ilija Takac, Ilinden is the dark horse for the 1987 competition. Still without a recognised striker due to the loss of Zlatko Nastevski to Marconi, Ilinden has enough talent in its side to cause damage.

Tony Zic will be in goal, the Wilsons (Geoff and Darren) will be joined by Pijlovski and new arrival Mitrevski in defence. Mikovic and Rodas will also look for a place in defence.

Nastovski, Tortevski, Lazarovski and Markovski will be vying for midfield positions while Genovski, Spirovski and Risteovski are, for the time being, the best on offer in the attacking department.

But Takac is far from happy and is looking for a bit more punch up front.

"We have a lot of grafters, a lot of hard workers, but we need finishers, and I hope to find at least one before the start of the season," said Takac.

Wollongong

On a shoe string budget, the side from the South Coast will be looking to coach John Fleming for miracles. The ex-Oxford and Manchester City player who played with Wollongong City for a number of years before turning to coaching, has an enormous task ahead.

Most of City's recognised stars have gone to other clubs, including the departure of Peter Kotamandis and David Marshall. Willie Murray has also gone to Sydney and is rumoured to be with Kingsford Olympic.

On the bright side, War-



● Rockdale Ilinden's Tony Genovski.

goal, David Skeen has returned to the South Coast from St George and will be joined by Giacomo Morlando, Scott Dickson and Larry Berringer at the back. Richard Peil, Jeffrey Ans-worth, Lionel Arcosa and Brian Cokely will take up positions in midfield with Rade Stefanovski, Randell Easthorpe and Robert Giraldi up front.

Some minor changes are possible before the start of a season which could see the revival of Wollongong City.

Sutherland

Never underestimate the Sutherland Sharks!

The side has been strengthened this year with the arrival of John and Robert O'Shea from St George.

Saints loss will be Sutherland's gain.

John O'Shea and Mark Harrington are expected to lead this enthusiastic outfit in 1987. Robert O'Shea is bound to add some zest to this fighting backbone with Burrows, Terry and Sellar to remain in front of Craig Burckmore.

Steve Meades and Bruce Johnston will be added to midfield while Greg Lerond, Craig Hill, Andy Duncan and Daryl Sharp will be looking for goals.

Few give this outfit a title chance but I am prepared to say that the Sharks will be no

BLACKTOWN 2

(Sandy 30th, Thornwaite 74th) **MELITA EAGLES 1** (Callanan 83rd) at Marconi Stadium, last Sunday. Play-off for third place in the State Bank Challenge Cup. Crowd: 10,539. Referee: Richard Lorenc 8.

BLACKTOWN CITY: McPherson 7, Maier 7, Sterrey 8, Reynolds 7, Northam 7, Jeffrey 7, Kay 8 (Shupe 70th), Ellen 7, Naumov 6 (Thornwaite 55th), Sandy 6, Van Blerk 8.

MELITA EAGLES: Pupoval 8 (Avelino 46th, 7), Laing 5, Buchanan 6, Cabassi 7 (Meerbari 75th), Smith 6, McFadden 6, Callanan 7, Farrugia 8, Vial 5, Brown 6, Ortiz 5.

A waste of time

An under-strength Melita Eagles went down to Blacktown City Demons in what most observers considered a drab and uneventful exercise.

Jason van Blerk was the star of this Blacktown attack as he toyed with the Melita defence to create some fine openings for his team. And it was no surprise when van Blerk raced past Laing in the 30th to see the Demons go one up. A deep cross by van Blerk found Adam Sandy who headed goalwards.

A valiant attempt by a Melita defender failed to prevent the ball from going into the net.

Jason van Blerk continued to torment the Melita defence and soon after the break sent in a scorching drive which hit the post.

Melita started to play more composed football and put pressure on the Demons.

When Ray Farrugia made the break in the 67th to send Greg Brown through all looked lost for the Demons. But the ball struck a divot just as Brown was about to shoot. He quickly changed his mind and the chance had gone begging.

Blacktown went 2-0 up after 73 minutes when David Sharpe chimed into the attack. Sharpe, who had been on for no more than two minutes, was quickly into his stride as he crossed. Cabassi allowed the ball to take its course hoping that Avelino would come out of goal but Thornwaite was there instead and it was 2-0.

Melita never gave up and Lenny Vial faced McPherson but sent his shot wide.

Then with seven minutes to go came Andrew Callanan with a snap shot from the edge of the box which gave Melita its long awaited goal.



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BLACKTOWN CITY vs
WARRINGAH F/WATER
AT GABBIE OVAL

EGAN FLIES THE FLAG

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Russell 46th, Egan 52nd) GEORGE CROSS 1 (Markovski 37th) at Olympic Park, last Saturday night. Buffalo Cup semi-final. Crowd: about 7,000 (double header). Cautions: Russell, Stevenson (SMH); Parton, Campell (GC). Referee: Bernie Upjohn 1.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 7, Blair 7, Anezakis 7, Postecoglou 8 — Stevenson 6, McDowall 8, Crainie 7, Kalogeros 6 — Wright 6 (Miranda 87th). Egan 8. Coach: Brian Garvey.

GEORGE CROSS: Keogh 7 — Marth 8, Parton 8, Taylor 8 (inj), Richardson 83rd, Campell 7 — Mitten 6 (Faulkner 63rd), MacLaren 6, Innes 7, Markovski 7 — Glider 7, Edwards 7 (Trimboli 70th). Coach: John Gardiner.

Charlie Egan picked up a Hellas flag and waved it in front of the George Cross fans beneath the grandstand before this match. At the end of the game Egan had flown the Hellas flag with distinction up front and had scored the goal that earned the Buffalo Cup favorite a final berth.

This was a spiteful game, one that tested the control of

Man of the match:
CHARLIE EGAN
(SM-Hellas)

referee Bernie Upjohn to the limit and in the final analysis, Upjohn's was a very disappointing performance.

He should have sent off John Campell in the 23rd minute after an incident that had players milling near the halfway line, pushing and shoving each other. The incident had been sparked by a bad tackle by Bobby Russell and an undisciplined reaction from Campell. Russell's studs were showing and his foot was high as Campell tried to pass the Hellas right back. Russell's boot made contact with Campell who spun around and stood over Russell, arms flailing.

Campell was booked. On three separate incidents later in the match, Campell was very fortunate indeed not to be sent off.

Campell is a very underrated player. He's got a damn sight more skills than some scribes credit him with and he's well worth his place in the George Cross line-up but he's going to have to harness his aggression and direct it to pursuits which will be of much more benefit to his team.

There were times in this game when what I thought were bad tackles only earned a

play-on signal from referee Upjohn. There were other times when what I thought were legitimate challenges earned free kicks. I became confused with Upjohn's applications of the rules.

George Cross was the better team in the first half and was unlucky not to carry a 1-0 lead into the interval.

In the 28th minute, Kevin Innes played a one-two with Carl Glider and hit a swerving shot which went just wide of the far post.

In the 32nd minute John Markovski showed off his superb close control. In nonchalant fashion he kept possession despite the attention of three opponents wide on the left. He then casually played the ball inside to Noel Mitten who lost it, won it back then passed to Glider wide on the right. Glider played the ball back to Mitten whose cross picked out Andy Edwards on the right of the Hellas area. Edwards was robbed and within seconds Hellas was in attack.

Angle Postecoglou played the ball down the left to Danny Wright but big Shaun Parton raced across and blocked Wright's attempted cross.

Then George Cross struck.

In the 37th minute, Mitten played a fine ball to Edwards who turned past Postecoglou superbly and struck a low drive across the face of goal. Markovski charged in on the left and from a very acute angle struck the ball first time into goal.

Two minutes later Wright jolted the ball into the George Cross area. Stuart Stevenson

headed down but before Garry McDowall could get there Sean Keogh raced off his line to boot the ball away.

Russell's goal came in the 46th minute of the first half. Play had been held up in the first few minutes while the corner flags were changed and the melee in the 23rd minute also took some time to break up.

Danny Crainie's long corner to the far post was aimed at Steve Blair but the ball flew over Blair's head to the unmarked Russell. The Hellas right back struck a firm, left footed shot which eluded the players massing in front of goal and went just inside the far post.

Three minutes into the second half, Hellas should have taken the lead. Postecoglou's far post cross, after a great run down the left wing, was met by the incoming Stevenson. He cut the ball back and first Wright then Egan both missed it completely with the goal at their mercy.

But Hellas didn't have to wait long to hit the front. In the 52nd minute, McDowall found room on the left and his cross toward the near post was turned into goal first time by Egan who was on a diagonal run. It was a tremendous goal by the best forward on the park and one of the finest strikers in Australian soccer. What a pity that Egan now must walk down the path he chose for himself a couple of years ago when he quit the national squad.

Within a minute of Egan's goal, George Cross almost equalised. Don MacLaren got

free on the left of the Hellas area but didn't strike his shot firmly enough and Peter Laumets got down to hold the ball cleanly.

Egan struck a long shot wide in the 55th minute and George Cross came within centimetres of levelling in the 79th minute.

Markovski's shot from a free kick was blocked. The ball fell to MacLaren whose curling cross forced Laumets to backpedal and tip the ball over. From the resultant corner the ball came to Andrew Marth wide on the right. He played it across the face of goal. Parton came sliding in only to knock it fractionally wide of the post.

A minute later, Stevenson headed on following a long throw-in. Egan tried to hit the ball on the turn but couldn't and Keogh gathered.

In the 81st minute, Crainie played his free kick short to Stevenson on the left. Stevenson played the ball back to Crainie then took off toward goal. Crainie played the ball forward to Egan who touched it off to Stevenson. The fair haired attacking midfielder rode two tackles, laid the ball off to George Kalogeros on the right of the George Cross area but Kalogeros's shot was wide of the near post.

Paul Trimboli had replaced Edwards in the 70th minute and in the 87th minute he got in a tremendous turn before laying the ball off to Parton. The best stopper's shot was deflected but Laumets had no trouble gathering.

Parton and Laumets figured in the last action of the contest.



● Hellas star Charlie Egan controls the ball before making another assault on the George Cross goal.
Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

Markovski's cross from the right was headed on by Trimboli. Parton came in at the far post and from just four metres out headed firmly. Laumets reacted magnificently to tip the ball over and save Hellas from having to go into extra time.

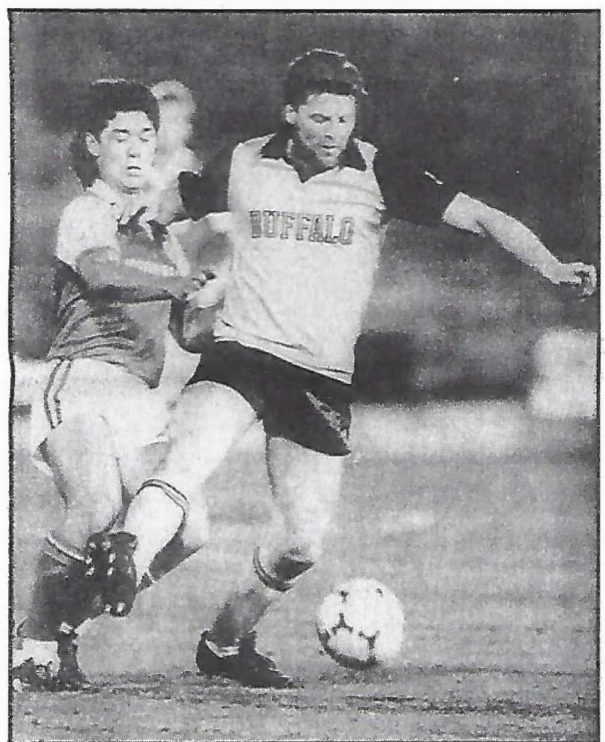
It was a tough, no-holds barred contest that always threatened to bubble over into outright violence but always held spectators' interest.

George Cross is a good side and on this showing there's not a lot between these outfits. Certainly, as was the case last year, scoring against George Cross is going to be damn hard.

Mind you, few sides in Australia have the attacking prowess that Hellas has.

Both sides should do well in the West End NSL.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



● Doug Brown (right) is closely marked by Alan Davidson. The former Hellas team mates found themselves on opposing sides in the Buffalo Cup semis last Saturday night.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Paul Lewis 7th, 55th) HEIDELBERG 1 (McKinna 34th) at Olympic Park last Saturday night. Buffalo Cup semi-final. Crowd: about 7,000 (double header). Cautions: Davidson (MC); Marley (H). Referee: John Fraser 4.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runty 8, Hannah 8, Magintosh 7, Dunn 7, Davidson 9 — Talajic 7, Biskic 8, Maclean 8, Campbell 7 (inj), Redmond 17, 7 — Lemeza (inj), Humble 67th, Lewis 7. Coach: Terry Hennessy.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 8 — Langsbury 5, Pappas 55th, Salemidis 8, Katsakidis 6, Marley 6 — Brown 6, Kanesoulis 6 (Valentine 65), Lucchesi 6, Tsolakis 6 — Deoley 5 (Anastasiadis 75th), McKinna 7. Coach: Roy MacLaren.

Alan Davidson left no doubts about his return to first class soccer with a display which certainly impressed the Croatia fans but also caught the eye of national coach Frank Ark, who immediately after the match named Davidson as one of a number of players still figuring prominently in Soccerco calculations.

Davidson was up against former Hellas team mate Doug Brown, who was playing wide on the right. Davidson did not only win that duel but surprised Heidelberg when he bobbed up at the near post and won a header which led to the winning goal.

Andy Humble, Croatia's \$1,500 signing from Croydon, was on the bench and only came on in the last few minutes when teenager Tony Lemeza was injured. With Ian Wallace signed, and about to be delivered Humble must resign himself

Man of the match:
ALAN DAVIDSON
(M. Croatia)

to the fact that he'll probably have to battle hard with Paul Lewis for the other striker's role in what should commonly be a 4-4-2 formation.

And right now, Lewis has a firm grip on that other berth. He exposed an amazingly inept Heidelberg defence in the 7th minute.

Goodness knows how Lewis found so much space through the middle but find it he did and thanks to the quickness with which the ball was delivered to him there was no way that any Heidelberg defender could recover in time to pressure Lewis.

Davidson waltzed past Brown then passed to Jim Campbell who quickly played the ball forward to the unmarked Lewis. Jeff Oliver charged off his line but Lewis finished a fine move in style. In the 34th minute, the clinical fashion threaded the ball in between Oliver's vain attempt to save and the near post. It was stunningly simple and superbly executed.

Laurie McKinna was Heidelberg's most effective forward. He burst clear in the 22nd minute and used his body well to hold off George Hannah's challenge only to be confronted by the advancing Mirko Runje who did well to spread himself and smother McKinna's attempt from 10 metres.

Oliver threw his head toward the heavens in an obvious show of relief after a Josip Biskic volley in the 26th minute dipped viciously and flashed just wide of the far post and Heidelberg hit back with a goal in the 34th minute.

John Kanesoulis played the ball to Peter Tsolakis whose

cross was blocked. The ball fell to Claude Lucchesi on the left of the Croatia area and he quickly played it into the goalmouth. McKinna hit it first time on the turn and although Runje lunged at full stretch and got a hand to the ball he couldn't stop it going in.

Two minutes later, Brown chested down the ball but blasted it wide of the near post from the right hand side of the area. Heidelberg was back in the match.

Seconds before half time, Lemeza, who has some tremendous touches and really is an exciting prospect, played the ball inside to the hard working Jim MacLean. He knocked it forward to Campbell who turned and struck a fine long shot not too wide of the mark. Campbell was hurt in the process and signalled to the bench as he clutched his back. He was replaced during the interval by Tony Redmond.

Croatia struck what was to be the killer blow in the 55th minute. Mark Talajic's long throw ability is bound to be a tactic that Croatia coach Terry Hennessy uses a lot this season and Talajic's throw was headed on by Davidson to Lewis whose neat glancing header left Oliver stranded as the ball nestled in the back of the Heidelberg net.

Two minutes later Lemeza passed to Talajic but Oliver got down well and held onto Talajic's low drive.

Runje almost made a dreadful blunder in the 60th minute. He mis-kicked his goalkick, sending the ball straight to Andy Deoley. The Kiwi international raced toward goal with Redmond in pursuit and Runje trying to make amends by charging at Deoley. Runje was close to the edge of the area when he spread himself and blocked Deoley's shot and Redmond was alert enough to latch onto the rebound before Heidelberg could capitalise.

In the 74th minute, Brown broke clear from an offside position. Incidentally, it's becoming a bit disturbing to see so many linesmen not picking up players being offside. In fact, it has become a feature of the 1987 Buffalo Cup. Brown was about to race into the Croatia area when he was felled from behind. He took the resultant free kick himself but blasted the ball into Croatia's defensive wall.

Talajic should have put the final nail in Heidelberg's coffin in the 77th minute. Captain Hannah, who is Croatia's captain this year and deservedly so for he's a truly outstanding competitor, cut the ball back from the right. Talajic struck it cleanly but didn't direct it well. The ball sailed wide of the far post.

Right on full time, Tsolakis cut in on a fine run from the left, he held onto the ball too long. MacLean robbed him and it was a two v. one situation with MacLean and Lewis confronting the backpedalling Theo Salemidis. MacLean slipped, the ball fell forward to Lewis who did well to control it under pressure from Salemidis but Oliver came well out of goal to smother Lewis's shot.

Croatia deserved its win but the Buffalo Cup could prove invaluable to new Heidelberg coach Roy MacLaren who surely knows much more about his men than he did a few months ago.

The Press box was buzzing when one of the Greek scribes mentioned that Heidelberg recently decided not to buy any new players for the next two years.

Pretty amazing stuff. Unless, that is, every first teamer is on a two-year contract and I'm not so sure that that is the case. Heidelberg's got enough up their sleeve to put it mildly by its success in last year's Buffalo Cup and Ansett Challenge Shield. All sorts of brash predictions speeded forth about Croatia taking the NSL by storm. That sort of impetuosity won't be allowed to flourish under Hennessy. Rather, there's a much more covert confidence about the team's prospects this year, a confidence that well could prove justified should Scotsman Ian Wallace and Willie Herd live up to expectations.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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It will be one hell of a game!

By **TERRY HENNESSY**
coach of Croatia

I hope that this is a great final. The game's bigger than Terry Hennessy, Brian Garvey, Melbourne Croatia and South Melbourne Hellas. What we're all looking for on Saturday night is a final that will endear people to a magnificent sport.

And I think this will be one hell of a game. We've been magnificent defensively. Conceding just one goal in six games is a tremendous effort but everyone in the side has done well. We've been playing well as a team from the back right up to the front.

Of the new players, Alan Davidson has proved in a short time that he is an outstanding player of great quality and character. As is Robbie Dunn. Jim MacLean also is a great player. I have no doubts whatsoever about his talents and he's working very, very hard for me. He's one of the most genuine players I've ever worked with. Both Andy Humble and Tony Lemežina have done well in difficult circumstances. I believe that Paul Lewis needs a special sort of service and it's not something you can work on with newcomers like Andy and Tony in just a few weeks.

Incidentally, I'll go on record now as saying that Lewis is the best goalscorer in the National League. I think in terms of goalscoring he's exceptional.

This is the second time I've been in charge of Croatia for the Buffalo Cup and the second time we've reached the final. I was in charge back in 1984 when Hellas beat us 3-1 in the final so I'm really looking forward to Saturday night.

When you get to a final, of course you want to win it but it's not the end of the world if you lose. The fact that on paper Hellas has so many outstanding players represents a great challenge for us. Guys like Egan, Crainie, McDowall, Postecoglou and Wade can turn a game in seconds. Our task will be to try and see that they don't function and if we do that we'll have gone a long way towards winning this final.

But remember that we've got plenty of very talented players too. We can match them in terms of quality.

I just hope that the Croatia fans turn up in their thousands and get right behind the lads. We're going through a transitional period right now and there's a tough season ahead of us but I believe that at the end of it all we'll have reason to be satisfied.

Sure, everyone wants to win but let's make sure that on Saturday night soccer is the big winner.



● Melbourne Croatia, back row: Zeljko Govic, Rob Markovic, Zeljko Gagula, Tony Lemežina, Tony Redmond, Davie McIntosh, Robbie Dunn, Mark Talajic. Front row: Victor Cristaldo, Jim Campbell, Jim MacLean, Andy Humble, Mirko Runje, George Hannah, Paul Lewis. Missing: Alan Davidson. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

We'll have to go on the attack

By **BRIAN GARVEY**
coach of Hellas

We started out in the Buffalo Cup playing skilful, attractive and attacking soccer and that's the way we want to finish.

No disrespect to some of the teams in the competition for they obviously weren't quite prepared, but the games now, the semis and Saturday's final, are much harder than the early rounds.

It's much tighter, more competitive and more physical but we must prove that we can still play attractive, attacking soccer against good teams. That's what our fans expect to see and that's what our players have been producing.

I've never been keen on man-to-man marking in defence and I much prefer a zonal system which is probably what you'll see on Saturday night.

This will be my third Buffalo Cup Final which is kind of nice. I suppose I'm doing something right, and strangely enough, all of them will have been against Croatia. When I was at Heidelberg we beat Croatia 5-1 in the 1985 final and lost 2-1 last year.

I'm pleased that we're involved in all the Buffalo Cup games. The competition is very competitive and it's a good way to prepare for the league season. If you get knocked out in the early rounds you have to wait a fair while before playing another important game which I don't like.

Our attack has been our strength in the early rounds. The combination of Charlie (Egan) and Danny (Wright) has been working well and the quality of balls supplied to them has been excellent. Both Charlie and Danny have plenty of mobility and skill.

Paul Wade is back from his honeymoon which is a bit of a difficult situation for me. As this is being written I don't know yet about the level of Paul's fitness and to be honest it's very hard to change a winning team.

When I went to South Melbourne Hellas I didn't know much about young George Kalogeros but he's done extremely well so far. His attitude has been excellent and he's shown that he's prepared to work very hard. He's also shown good passing skills and he's scored a couple of goals.

Charlie's been in tremendous form. He's playing like one of the top strikers in Australia should play.

I didn't know much about Danny but he's settled down amazingly well which isn't easy to do having to come all the way down here from Brisbane and getting used to a new environment.

Melbourne Croatia has a very strong defence, in fact I think that's its strength. I must say though that I've always admired little Josip Biskic and he certainly is a fine player in midfield.



● South Melbourne Hellas, back row: George Mihos, Danny Crainie, Charlie Egan, Paul Wade, Angie Postecoglou, Garry McDowall. Middle row: Richard Miranda, Brian Garvey, Chris Andriotis, Stuart Stevenson, Peter Laumets, Con Giatas, Steve Blair, Manny Anezakis, Steve Tasios, ground manager. Front row: Physio, George Kalogeros, Danny Wright, Bobby Russell, Ken Murphy, Carl Halford, George Vasiladis (gear steward).

LIKELY LINE-UPS

● Here are the probable line-ups for Saturday night's Buffalo Cup Final at Olympic Park at 8.15pm:

HELLAS

Peter LAUMETS

Bobby RUSSELL

Steve BLAIR

Manny ANEZAKIS

Angie POSTECOGLU

Stuart STEVENSON

Garry MCDOWALL

Danny CRAINIE

George KALOGEROS

Danny WRIGHT

Charlie EGAN

CROATIA

Mirko RUNJE

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• Malta Eagles and New Zealand striker Greg Brown



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14/15 MARCH
Manly Warringah v. Ku-Ring-Gal on Sunday at Parklands
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ROUND TWO

21/22 MARCH
Ku-Ring-Gal v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Inter Monaro v. Manly Warringah on Sunday at Cronin Park
Wollongong City v. Rockdale on Sunday at Hurville
Newcastle v. Blacktown City on Sunday at Cronin Park
Sutherland v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Warragah F/water v. Cant. M'ville Oly. on Sunday at Cronin Park

ROUND THREE

ROUND SIX

18/19 APRIL
Ku-Ring-Gal v. Cant. M'ville Oly. on Sunday at Cronin Park
Inter Monaro v. Blacktown City on Sunday at Cronin Park
Manly Warringah v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
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ROUND SEVEN

25/26 APRIL
Canberra v. Ku-Ring-Gal on Sunday at Cronin Park
Cant. M'ville Oly. v. Inter Monaro on Sunday at Cronin Park
Manly Warringah v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Wollongong City v. Newcastle on Sunday at Cronin Park
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ROUND EIGHT

2/3 MAY
Ku-Ring-Gal v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Inter Monaro v. Canberra City on Sunday at Cronin Park

ROUND NINE

6/7 JUNE
Inter Monaro v. Ku-Ring-Gal on Sunday at Cronin Park
Manly Warringah v. Wollongong City on Sunday at Cronin Park
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ROUND TEN

13/14 JUNE
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ROUND ELEVEN

20/21 JUNE
Ku-Ring-Gal v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Inter Monaro v. Canberra City on Sunday at Cronin Park

ROUND TWELVE

27/28 JUNE
Ku-Ring-Gal v. Melita Eagles on Sunday at Cronin Park
Inter Monaro v. Wollongong City on Sunday at Cronin Park
Wollongong City v. Sutherland on Sunday at Cronin Park
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Melita Eagles v. Sutherland on Sunday at Cronin Park
Sutherland v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Warragah F/water v. Wollongong S/G on Sunday at Cronin Park

ROUND THIRTEEN

4/5 JULY
Inter Monaro v. Ku-Ring-Gal on Sunday at Cronin Park
Rockdale v. Inter Monaro on Sunday at Cronin Park
Wollongong City v. Manly Warringah on Sunday at Cronin Park
Manly Warringah v. Wollongong City on Sunday at Cronin Park
Cant. M'ville Oly. v. Sutherland on Sunday at Cronin Park
Atkins v. Wollongong City on Sunday at Cronin Park
Wollongong City v. Newcastle on Sunday at Cronin Park
Warragah F/water v. Melita Eagles on Sunday at Cronin Park

ROUND FOURTEEN

11/12 JULY
Ku-Ring-Gal v. Blacktown City on Sunday at Cronin Park
Inter Monaro v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Manly Warringah v. Rockdale on Sunday at Hurville
Wollongong City v. Cronin Park
Melita Eagles v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Sutherland v. Cant. M'ville Oly. on Sunday at Cronin Park
Wollongong City v. Wollongong S/G on Sunday at Cronin Park
Sutherland v. Canberra City on Sunday at Cronin Park
Seymour v. Warragah F/water on Saturday at Cronin Park

ROUND FIFTEEN

18/19 JULY
Sutherland v. Blacktown City on Sunday at Cronin Park
Inter Monaro v. Cant. M'ville Oly. on Sunday at Cronin Park
Wollongong City v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Warragah F/water v. Wollongong S/G on Sunday at Cronin Park

ROUND SIXTEEN

25/26 JULY
Ku-Ring-Gal v. Newcastle on Sunday at Cronin Park
Inter Monaro v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Manly Warringah v. Rockdale on Sunday at Hurville
Wollongong City v. Cronin Park
Melita Eagles v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Sutherland v. Cant. M'ville Oly. on Sunday at Cronin Park
Wollongong City v. Wollongong S/G on Sunday at Cronin Park
Sutherland v. Canberra City on Sunday at Cronin Park
Seymour v. Warragah F/water on Saturday at Cronin Park

ROUND SEVENTEEN

1/2 AUGUST
Sutherland v. Newcastle on Sunday at Cronin Park
Inter Monaro v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Manly Warringah v. Rockdale on Sunday at Hurville
Wollongong City v. Cronin Park
Melita Eagles v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Sutherland v. Cant. M'ville Oly. on Sunday at Cronin Park
Wollongong City v. Wollongong S/G on Sunday at Cronin Park
Sutherland v. Canberra City on Sunday at Cronin Park
Seymour v. Warragah F/water on Saturday at Cronin Park

ROUND EIGHTEEN

8/9 AUGUST
Ku-Ring-Gal v. Newcastle on Sunday at Cronin Park
Inter Monaro v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Manly Warringah v. Rockdale on Sunday at Hurville
Wollongong City v. Cronin Park
Melita Eagles v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Sutherland v. Cant. M'ville Oly. on Sunday at Cronin Park
Wollongong City v. Wollongong S/G on Sunday at Cronin Park

ROUND NINETEEN

15/16 AUGUST
Sutherland v. Newcastle on Sunday at Cronin Park
Inter Monaro v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Manly Warringah v. Rockdale on Sunday at Hurville
Wollongong City v. Cronin Park
Melita Eagles v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Sutherland v. Cant. M'ville Oly. on Sunday at Cronin Park
Wollongong City v. Wollongong S/G on Sunday at Cronin Park
Sutherland v. Canberra City on Sunday at Cronin Park
Seymour v. Warragah F/water on Saturday at Cronin Park

ROUND TWENTY

22/23 AUGUST
Sutherland v. Newcastle on Sunday at Cronin Park
Inter Monaro v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Manly Warringah v. Rockdale on Sunday at Hurville
Wollongong City v. Cronin Park
Melita Eagles v. Wollongong Mac on Sunday at Cronin Park
Sutherland v. Cant. M'ville Oly. on Sunday at Cronin Park
Wollongong City v. Wollongong S/G on Sunday at Cronin Park
Sutherland v. Canberra City on Sunday at Cronin Park
Seymour v. Warragah F/water on Saturday at Cronin Park



● Striker Glenn Jeffrey, returned to Ku-Ring-Gai from Avala.

Inter Monaro vs Sutherland on Sunday at Maroo Polo
Manly Warringah v Newcastle Rosebud on Sunday at Cromer Park
Uruguay v Warringah F/water on Sunday at Mona Park
Rockdale Hindon v Canberra City on Sunday at Hurstville
Wollongong Mac v Cant. M'ville Oly. on Sunday at Berkeley
Mellin Eagles v Blackburn City on Sunday at Melita Stadium

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15/19 JULY
 Cant. McVile Oly. v Ku-Ring-Gal on Sunday at Warringah
 Blackburn City v Inter Monaro on Sunday at Gable
 Wollongong Mac v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Berkeley
 Rockdale Ilinden v Uruguayan on Sunday at Hurstville
 Canberra City v Wollongong City on Sunday at Bruce Stadium
 Warringah F/water v Sutherland on Sunday at Hurstville

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Wollongong Mac. v Wollongong City on Sunday at Berkeley
Sutherland City v Sutherland on Sunday at Gabbie
St. Myville Oly. v Newcastle Rosebush on Sunday at Arlington
Sydney City v Warringah F/water on Sunday at Bruce Stadium

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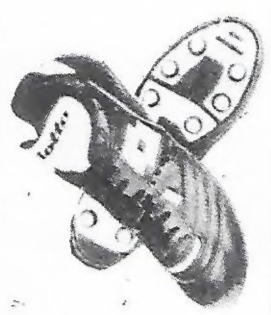
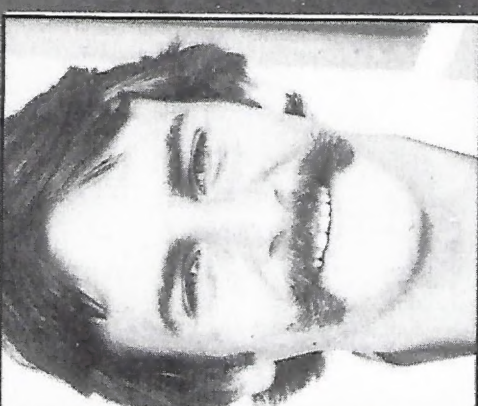
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• The O'Shea brothers John (left) and Reb. They've joined Sutherland from St. George Budapest.



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O'Reilly sent off, Minh joins Suburbs

Fawkner 2 Northcote 0

At Smith Reserve on Sunday.
Scorers: Palinkas 68th, Cozzella 90th.
 Neither Fawkner nor Northcote could come to grips with the gusty conditions at Smith Reserve for the first half of Sunday's game. The contest changed though with the appearance of Joe Palinkas who has been out of the game for a year.

The first 45 minutes were uneventful with neither team creating any clear-cut chances. It wasn't until the 48th minute that a chance came when a mistake by Northcote fullback John Leonard allowed Peter Bordignon to break. He centred the ball to Ian Tuffield whose hard, low header was well saved by Mark Turidja who managed to palm it wide. Then in the 50th minute Palinkas came on for Fab Mancinelli. Until then, Jim Constantinou had been one of the game's best performers.



Palinkas, however, took him apart.

Fawkner started to create a string of opportunities. In the 80th minute Ged Stenson received a ball on the edge of the box and hit a stinging left-foot drive which Turidja couldn't hold. Two minutes later Cesare Fattore put Bruno Cozzella through but in a one-on-one situation Turidja forced Cozzella to shoot wide. Fawkner finally broke the deadlock in the 68th minute. The move began with Palinkas who broke on the right and then played the ball inside for Stenson. Stenson knocked the ball through to Tuffield. Turidja came out to meet Tuffield and diving at his feet seemed

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to have the ball covered. Tuffield managed to get past him and powered in a shot which hit the post but fell nicely to the man who started the move. Palinkas, who had no trouble slotting it away.

Palinkas was again in the action in the 73rd minute when he hit a shot that Turidja couldn't save cleanly. Just before fulltime, Stenson gave the ball to Palinkas whose shot was again spilt by the goalie and this time Cozzella was on hand to give Fawkner its second goal.

— MIKE LYNN

Dinamo 4 Oakleigh 1

At Churchill Reserve on Saturday.
Scorers: Irvine 10th (Oak);

Runje 16th, 28th, Morovic 50th, 63rd (54th).

St. Albans Dinamo, which went through five Buffalo Cup games without scoring, took 16 minutes to find the net against Oakleigh on Saturday and once it got started there was no stopping it.

Tony Vrzina's team, weakened by injuries and the retirement last week of Zdenko Brkljacic, found itself one down after only 10 minutes when the two Steves, Irvine and Kakantonis, combined to score for Oakleigh. Irvine pushed the ball through from midfield and Kakantonis raced down the right wing. Irvine was in the goalmouth to meet Kakantonis's return and turn the ball past Male Grigic.

Dinamo took the game by the scruff of the neck and equalised six minutes later when Goran Runje hit a shot on the turn.

Dinamo continued to pressure and was unlucky not to be awarded a penalty just before half-time when Oakleigh's Emil Pahljina blatantly palmed away a shot by Runje. However, Dinamo could not be denied. In the 50th minute Dennis Morovic made a lot of room for himself and blasted a shot past Oakleigh keeper John Vajdich.

Thirteen minutes later Dinamo's Ivan Duzel found Morovic who hit a spectacular volley to open up a two-goal lead for his team. Oakleigh's fate was sealed in the 78th minute when Mick Colina sent in a cross from the left which Morovic touched on to Runje who scored his second goal.

With the wind swirling about, both teams made hard work of it, but Gully had five or six scoring chances which it failed to convert.

— LES SHORROCK

F'ston Pines 0 Springvale 0

At Monterey Reserve on Sunday.

Springvale paraded four new signings on Sunday against Pines in a game dominated by a fierce wind — Dennis Boland, bought from Pines for \$3,000; Dragan Vasic, signed from Royal Richmond for \$1,800; Kevin Swincoe, signed from Sandringham for \$900 and Jim Williams who joined from Altona Gate on a free transfer.

Pines had the wind at their backs in the first half and pressed the Vales throughout. Boland was forced to make good saves to deny long range attempts from Martin Parks and Douglas Hodgson.

It was a different story in the second half and Springvale looked set to break the ice when Mate Bozic's back pass eluded Jansen and rolled toward the unguarded goal. Jansen raced back and booted the ball off the line. It struck the incoming Greg House and bounced back into the arms of the Pines keeper.

Springvale bench shaking their heads in disbelief. Falcons dominated the first half as a tentative AIS team looked distinctly uncomfortable in its new environment. Dave O'Connor's team was successful closing down the youngsters and not giving them the room they needed to get going.

Falcon's new signing Stan Webster was unlucky not to put his team 1-0 up when he ran on to a through-ball from John O'Callaghan, but the ex-Frankston Pines striker had his shot pushed wide by goalkeeper Peter Gunnig.

AIS coach, Ron Smith, must have given his team some good advice during the interval because the youngsters hit Falcons with everything when the second half began.

Showing plenty of skill and determination the institute lads came forward and put Falcons under pressure. Their tenacity was rewarded when a poor goal-keeper from Romeo Presiozo was headed straight back into the penalty area and AIS midfielder Doug Marcina was able to elude his marker to put his team in front.

However, Falcons, led by fullback Harry Bingham, clawed their way back into the game and started pressing for the equaliser.

It came in the 81st minute when, again, Callaghan sent a through-ball forward, this time for Anthony Cassar. Cassar slammed it first time from the edge of the box to net a spectacular goal.

W. Suburbs 0 Polonia 3
 At Ralph Reserve on Sunday.
Scorers: Macleod 9, 5th,

George Murray's Box Hill team came into this game fresh from its resounding vic-



Box Hill's Dean Hennessy (right) and Green Gully's Steve Macleod tangle in a heading duel at Wembley Park last Sunday. Gully won the game 1-0. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

W. Suburbs 25th, Storm penny 30th.

Western Suburbs' coach Jim Kondilis was bitterly disappointed with the result of this opening round clash.

"We gave them three goals," he said after the game. "The score didn't reflect how close the game was."

The strong wind which plagued all of Melbourne's Sunday matches caught Suburbs' goalie Spiro Kardamitis totally off-guard when he misjudged a long floating backpass from fullback Dennis Macleod in the 5th minute. The ball bounced over the helpless goal-keeper and found the net.

In the 25th minute, a cross into the penalty area forced Kardamitis to punch. The ball fell to Greg Warsawski, who hammered it into the net on the volley.

And again five minutes later Polonia's pressure paid off when a cross into the box from Brendan Lacroix was handled by 17-year-old central defender Bill Kyriazis who was surrounded by Polonia attackers. Kees Storm had no trouble putting away the penalty to give Miron Bleiberg's team an unsalable three-goal lead.

In spite of the introduction of new signing Minh Tri Vo at half-time and the advantage of the wind, Suburbs were unable to set up any dangerous chances.

Broadmeadows 1 Croydon 0
 At Laura Douglas Reserve last Sunday.
Scorers: Libertio 76th.

Broadmeadows celebrated their return to State League with a win against last year's champion Croydon.

It was a very satisfying result for a club which has vivid memories of being promoted to State League in 1983 and then being relegated the following season.

The game though was scrappy. No team could take control but Croydon came closest with consistent bursts of attacking early in the second half and in the dying moments of the game.

Jimmy Nelson had a superb

game for Croydon and was the driving force behind Croydon's final push for an equaliser.

Broadmeadow's goal came when John Kadlecik sent in a high cross from the right in the 76th minute which striker Renato Libertio did well to judge and head home past Keith Waterman.

A very physical clash saw referee Colin Ellis brandish the yellow card a number of times, but it came to a head in the last 10 minutes when, with Croydon pressing for the equaliser, Vizzini and Croydon's captain Jim O'Reilly tangled off the ball.

Vizzini seemed to crash into O'Reilly who retaliated with an elbow. Vizzini's challenge earned him a yellow card while O'Reilly was sent off. Ellis said afterwards that O'Reilly had been hard done by, but that he had to enforce the game's strict rules on retaliating.

Cauffield 0 Thomastown 1

At Princes Park, Saturday.
Scorers: Temos 18th.

Cauffield still is trying to work out what it did to deserve such a fate. It dominated this game, to the point that at times it made Thomastown look mediocre, but look at the scoreline and you'll see which camp was laughing at the end of the day.

Cauffield created half-a-dozen gilt-edged chances, struck the post twice, missed a penalty, and spent most of the match camped inside Thomastown's defensive half of the pitch.

In fact, scoreline apart, everything about Cauffield's performance suggests that it is going to be both effective and very attractive this year and new recruit from Melbourne, Lou Theodosopoulos, is going to add a lot of bite to the Cauffield attack.

So will Phil Griffin, as soon as Box Hill releases him, for he's one of the best strikers in the league and along with Theodosopoulos, John Bitsonis, Jim Sahinidis and Pepe Abraham, will give Cauffield plenty of bite going forward.

And Paul Harris is an outstanding centre-half. He was wasted in midfield when he first joined Cauffield last year. The big man is an out-and-out stopper and a damn good one at that.

Dave Brooks injured his groin early in the match and on after Cauffield's defence tried to turn on an impressive display.

Thomastown's new front runners — Russell Athersych from Springvale and Bobby McGuinness from Western Suburbs — should form a very effective combination but the service to them was so poor here that they couldn't do much to break down Cauffield's defence.

However, McGuinness did have a good chance early on after Cauffield's defence tried to re-organise due to Brooks' departure. A long throw-in caught Cauffield on the hop but McGuinness shot wide.

Thomastown's winner came in the 18th minute. George Macleod brought down Theodosopoulos and referee Chris Bambridge pointed to the penalty spot. Sahinidis seemed to lose his stride as he ran up to the ball and didn't strike his attempt clearly enough. Mauro Raponi however deserved great credit for diving at full strength and palming the ball on to the post. Kevin Carfora was following up and slammed it out for a corner.

Abraham headed over from just four metres in the 35th minute and in the 39th minute Harry Michell's first time shot was palmed out by Raponi but the Thomastown goalie parried superbly.

Theocharous struck a firm shot in the 75th minute which cannoned off the post and bounced across the face of goal and four minutes later a Theodosopoulos header from a Bitsonis cross saw the ball hit the near post and bounce out to the incoming Abraham.

You guessed it, Abraham blasted his shot well over.

It was that sort of day as far as the home side was concerned.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMPOL CUP with ALLAN CRISP

Video tape it for posterity, savor it and generally make the most of it, because this will be the only official clash between Adelaide Juventus and Adelaide Hellas for the year 1987.

As we went to Press the SA giants were engaged in the Ampol Cup final after finishing their respective minor round campaigns unbeaten and disposing of their semi-final opponents.

With Hellas out of the West End NSL and not competing in the beach fashions National Cup series this year, the perennial league derby clashes that have highlighted many a season will be sadly missing.

No doubt, Juventus and Hellas will try to revive the Fairmount Homes Cup games at the end of the season, but these contests, despite the allure of healthy prizemoney, are unofficial.

It is fitting that Ampol, which has stuck loyally by SA soccer for 27 years, should be the company to benefit by staging this one-off derby final.

No one will deny Juventus and Hellas the right to be the night series finalists because both ended their preliminary commitments unbeaten.

But there can be no denying that Hellas was the more impressive semi-final performer. Hellas accounted for Rothmans League champion Campbelltown City 2-1 and while Hellas did not have proceedings all its own way, it never looked as though it would lose.

Juventus, however, lost its place after a tearaway start and had to ward off a determined Para Hills bid for an equaliser.

Coach Zoran Matic was far

from happy with his team's patchy display, particularly since he is preparing to take Juventus to WA to play in a four-team tournament next week.

Juventus will compete with Perth Azzurri, Tricolore and either Stirling Macedonia or Spearwood Dalmatians on Friday, March 20 and Sunday, March 22.

The heartening feature for Matic and the Juventus fans was the masterful semi-final display of stopper Neville Flounders and the great goal-keeping of Willie McNally.

Not only did Flounders keep things tight at the back, but he also found time for several mazy runs which caused havoc for Para.

Equal top billing with big Flounders was former Socceroo goalkeeper Martin Crook, who made five magnificent saves in keeping Juventus down to its meagre winning margin.

And it was heart-in-mouth time in the Juventus camp in the 74th minute when Para and SA striker Darren Moss pounced a drive which McNally pushed onto the far post and to eventual safety.

Hellas was confronted by a vastly improved Campbelltown City in the first semi-final, but manfully accepted the challenge to take a deserved 2-0 lead after 22 minutes.

The Red Devils did not fold, however, and a delightfully executed goal by Chris Key gave them hope of forcing extra time.

Steve Atsalsas put paid to those heady aspirations with a last minute goal — his third of the season — to give Hellas its 3-1 scoreline.

And it was a scoreline which some regarded as one of justice and indicative of Hellas' overall dominance.

However, some would argue that the final margin did not amply reward Campbelltown's studious tactics which against most other teams would have succeeded.

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STATE LEAGUE DETAILS

CAULFIELD 0 THOMASTOWN 1 (Temos 18th) at Princes Park, Saturday.
CAULFIELD: Madjer 7 — Flippou 7, Harris 9, Brooks (inj), Abraham 5th, 8th, Koutos 7, Mitchell 7 — Taylor 7 (Taitiridis 68th), Theodoropoulos 7, Behnke 7, Sehnke 6, Theodoropoulos 7. Coach: Takis Svingos.
THOMASTOWN: Raponi 8 — Cosentino 7, G. McMillan 6, Arcoraci 7, N. Constantinou 6 — Di Martino 6, Kerr 6, Carloria 5, Temos 5 — Athersych 5, McGuinness 5. Coach: Mike Lynn.
Best three: 3. Harris (C), 2. Abraham (C), 1. Raponi (T).
FRANKTON PINES 0 SPRINGVALE CITY 0 at Monterey Reserve, Sunday.
FRANKTON PINES: Jansen 8 — Botic 6, Cumming 7, Parks 7 — Thurlow 8, Watson 6, Hodgson 7 (Richardson 88th), Forrie 6, Miller 6 — P. Hennessy 5, Armstrong 5. Coach: Danny McMinim.
SPRINGVALE CITY: Boland 8 — Vogel 7, Bissinger 7, Adams 7, Hobson 7 — G. Bannan 7, Swinscoe 5 (Wild 80th), Bell 8 — Vasic 5, House 7, Williams 5, Coach: Bobby McLachlan.
Best three: 3. Jansen (P), 2. Bell (S), 1. Boland (S).
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT 1 (MARCINA 60TH) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (A. Cassar 81st) at North Crinigan Reserve last Sunday.
AIS: Gunning 7 — Healy 6, Cummings 7, Mills 7, C. Foster 6.

— Marcina 7, Koch 7, Polak 7, Edwards 8 — P. Foster 7, Welsh 7. Coach: Ron Smith.
MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 6 — Bingham 9, Tutill 7, Clark 7, D. Wilson 7 — van Baar 6, O'Callaghan 6, E. Cassar 6, A. Cassar 7 (Sostak 85th) — Webster 5, Bezzina 5. Coach: Dave O'Connor.
Best three: 3. Bingham (MF), 2. Edwards (AIS), 1. D. Wilson (MF).

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 POLONIA 3 (MacLeod o.g. 5th, Warszawa 25th, Storm pen. 30th) at Ralph Reserve last Sunday.
WESTERN SUBURBS: Kardamitis 5 — D. MacLeod 6, Hemill 6, Smallman 5, Kyriatiz 5 — Esposito 4, (Koutsanis 60th), Farmer 4, Koutouris 5 (H.T. Min 6), McCluskey 5 — Tuck 5, Dimovski 6. Coach: Jim Kondilis.
POLONIA: Kiss 7 — Liparski 7, (Gregorczuk 80th), Bennett 7, Kotzamalchis 6, Smolarek 7 — P. Czarnik 7, Flawell 7, Nelson 8, Lalic 5, Sturm 7, Warszawa 7 (H.T. Marshall 5). Coach: Miron Bleiberg.
Best three: 3. Kotzamalchis (P), 2. Nelson (P), 1. Smolarek (P).

ST ALBANS DINAMO 4 (Runje 16th, 78th, Morovic 50th, 63rd) OAKLEIGH 1 (Irvine 10th) at Churchill Reserve last Saturday.
ST ALBANS DINAMO: Grigic 5 — Dragovic 5 (Bacak 84th), Kojacic 5, Ramljak 5, Colina 6 — Duzel 7, Batiniovic 6, Culina 5, Rastovic 5 — Morovic 6, G. Runje 7. Coach: Tony Vrzina.
OAKLEIGH: Varfadias 4 — Kakantonis 4, Pajhina 4, Tasio-poulos 4, Stigianou 4 — Goulios 5, Ross 5, J. Guse 4, Politis 4 — Paparas 3 (S. Gusic 60th), Irvine 4, (Laletas 65th). Coach: Chris Kalitafidis.
Best three: 3. G. Runje (St A), 2. Duzel (St A), 1. Morovic (St A).

BROADMEADOWS 1 (Liberto 76th) CROYDON CITY 0 at Laura Douglas Reserve last Sunday.
BROADMEADOWS: Pace 7 — Smart 6, Vizzini 8, Higham 6, Edmondson 6 — J. Kadlecik 7, T. Ciantar 6, Blair 6, Kostas 6 (J. Ciantar 57th) — P. Kadlecik 7, Liberto 7. Coach: Kaz Kulak.
CROYDON CITY: Waterman 7 — Brown 7, Brock 7, O'Reilly 6, Kent 6 (83rd), Edmondson 6 — Beech 5, Livingstone 5, Nelson 8, Cooper 6 (Harbinson 75th) — French 7, Brogan 6. Coach: Jim Tansey.
Best three: 3. Nelson (C), 2. Vizzini (B), 1. Livingstone (C).

FAWKNER 2 (Palinkas 68th, Cozzella 90th) **NORTHCOTE 0** at Smith Reserve last Sunday.

FAWKNER: Wilson 5 — Walsh 6, Ferla 8, Schepano 6, Fattore 6, Bordignon 7 — Mancinella 6, 80th, Stenson 7 — Tuffield 6, Cozzella 6, Verechia 6. Coach: Frank McAlister.
NORTHCOTE: Turuda 5 — Leonardos 7, Small 5, Patiniotis 6, J. Constantinou 6 — Belariss 6, Drakeford 6, Symonopoulos 6 (Beligerios 70th) — Damataris 5, Patsakos 6, P. Constantinou 6. Coach: Juan Toro.
Best three: 3. Ferla (F), 2. Bordignon (F), 1. Stenson (F).

BOX HILL 0 GREEN GULLY 1 (Zamunik 2nd) at Wembley Park last Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — Davidson 5, Hird 6, A. McMillan 6, D. Hennessy 5 — Roodhouse 5, Burton 6, Brimmer 6, White 5 (Mon 67th) — Griffin 5, Azopardi 5. Coach: George Murray.
GREEN GULLY: Denys 6 — Hogben 6, Grimud 6, Cannell 7, Douglas 6 — Fraser 7, McLelland 7, Carter 6, Cumming 7 — Ward 5 (Quigley 70th), Zemunik 4. Coach: Gus Macleod.
Best three: 3. McLelland (GG), 2. Cannell (GG), 1. McKinlay (BH).

By JOHN MANGAN
Croydon, which suffered a shock defeat at the hands of Broadmeadows last weekend has a chance to set the record straight this Sunday when it comes up against St. Albans Dinamo at Town Park.

Dinamo went through the whole Buffalo Cup series without scoring a goal but struck back with a vengeance against league newcomer Oakleigh. Dennis Morovic and Goran Runje both notched up two goals in the most convincing victory of last weekend's round.

Before the game against Oakleigh coach Tony Vrzina had expressed fears that his Dinamo team had been seriously weakened in defence. Were these fears unfounded?

"Even this game showed that we lack a tall, strong defender. Oakleigh gave us plenty of problems in our penalty-area and stronger teams in the competition will make the most of that weakness," says Vrzina.

"Playing Croydon will be a totally different game. Croydon is a very experienced team so it will be a real test of our defence."

"We are relying on our forward-line at the moment. I was not concerned that we hadn't

VALES WANT TO SIGN CULLEN AND LOUGHVANE

been getting goals in the Buffalo Cup. You don't come up against defenders like Robbie Dunn and Alan Davidson in the State League so we knew that once we got back into this competition the goals would come."

Croydon will enter the game against Dinamo without captain Jim O'Reilly who has been suspended following his sending off last weekend. Looking into my crystal ball I suspect that Tansey himself will play to fill the gap in the Croydon rear-guard.

Croydon's Matt McDonald is

still negotiating a new contract and could go on the transfer-list in the next few days. It is understood that the Scotsman has already received offers from a couple of other clubs.

Tansey should be able to get his team back into top gear and if it can exploit the weaknesses in Dinamo's defence it should come out victorious in a close, hard-fought struggle.

The Australian Institute of Sport team has to wait until the following weekend to play its first home game when it is host to Springvale. This week however, Ron Smith's team is

again making the long trip south, this time to Thomastown's Partridge Reserve.

While Thomastown will be strengthened by the return of Brian Coyle and Andy Higgins from suspension, this Sunday it will be the turn of Alan Kerr and Nino DiMartino to sit out a game due to suspensions carrying over from last year.

Mike Lynn also plans to rest George McMillan.

The Institute put to rest any fears last week that it would not be competitive and the all opponents won't take the game seriously when it battled it out with Morwell Falcons in the Latrobe Valley.

After a slow start, the AIS team took the game right up to the start it has an excellent chance of claiming its first State League scalp against a side which only just scraped in against Caulfield last weekend.

After the elation of last Sunday's victory over current champion Croydon, Broadmeadows have a sobering task in store this weekend when they travel to Green Gully.

Both teams come into this game with narrow victories under their belts. Gully's performance against George Murray's Box Hill team was enough to give it the points in difficult conditions, but neither side looked impressive.

Gus MacLeod, Gully's coach, maintains that his team is short of a striker and until it gets one the team will not live up to its potential. Be that as it may, Gully should have enough firepower to unsettle Broadmeadows.

Kaz Kulak's Broadmeadows looks good in defence and was a match for Croydon but if Gully can get its game together it should be able to assert its authority and get another win under its belt.

The club sees Jim Kondilis' Western Suburbs team making the long journey to Morwell. Suburbs suffered a disappointing defeat when they met Polonia last weekend and it showed that they're

not the team they were last season.

The performance of newcomer Minh Tri Vo was encouraging though. Kondilis secured the former Vietnamese international's transfer from Footscray JUST last Friday and brought him on at half-time in the game against Polonia.

"Even though it was hard to show good skills, in that game Minh demonstrated that he will be a valuable addition to the team. Getting to training is difficult for Minh but we are soon to help him as much as we can," says Kondilis.

Morwell Falcons played out a draw with the State League's unknown factor, the Institute of Sport team, last Sunday, but coach Dave O'Connor saw enough to satisfy him that his Falcons team will be very competitive this year.

"We had a good first half against the Institute," said O'Connor, "and then when they came back and put us a goal down, the lads showed great spirit to get back into the game and get a draw out of it. On the strength of that performance I think we'll have a good year."

Falcons go into this game favourites and should be too strong for Kondilis's team, but Suburbs will prove that they're no pushovers and will be a lot tighter at the back this weekend.

Springvale coach Bobby McLachlan is trying to sign Pines' midfielder John Cullen, who is carrying a \$4,000 price-tag. He is also keen to secure striker Ian Loughane from Broadmeadows for \$1,750.

McLachlan's team was unlucky not to beat Frankston Pines last week and will be looking for its luck to turn on Sunday when it takes on Caulfield at Ross Reserve.

However, Caulfield coach Takis Svingos can equally consider himself hard done by his team's game last weekend. Caulfield played Thomastown and in spite of a multitude of scoring opportunities Thomastown scored the only goal of the game to come away with both points.

Caulfield showed that it will be a strong team this year, but McLachlan's side has the home advantage and should win this one.

Fawkner, strengthened by the surprise return of Joe Palinkas, should be too strong for State League newcomer Oakleigh at Caloola Reserve on Saturday.

Palinkas came on as substitute in last Sunday's game and revived the team to take the points from Northcote, scoring a goal in the process. His experience will fortify an already useful side.

Chris Kalitafidis will have to lift Oakleigh after last week's 4-1 defeat by St. Albans Dinamo but can gain some encouragement from the fact that his team did have Dinamo on the run for spells during the game, particularly early on when Steve Irvine netted the first goal.

Juan Toro also has the task this week of lifting his team after defeat when Northcote tackles Frankston Pines at John Cain Reserve on Saturday. Northcote has a lot of potential but an organized Pines defence should close down Toro's team as it did Springvale last Sunday.

It should be a close tussle and a draw is the most likely outcome.

Northcote is still awaiting the arrival of its Argentinian signing Victor Espagnon who is now expected to arrive in Australia in the next five days, while Pines have finally sold Ally Dick to Makedonia.

Polonia had a convincing victory over Western Suburbs last weekend but it will find Box Hill a much tougher proposition at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday.

Box Hill failed to shine against Green Gully last Sunday but George Murray's team is obviously capable of better things, as it showed when it demolished JUST in the Buffalo Cup.

This is going to be a very close game but if Box Hill can find its rhythm after last week's disappointing result it should be able to take this match.

Here are this weekend's games with the likely winners in capitals.

SATURDAY
MORWELL FALCONS v Western Suburbs at North Crinigan Reserve, 3pm.
Northcote v Frankston Pines at John Cain Reserve, 3pm.
Oakleigh v FAWKNER at Caloola Reserve, 3pm.

SUNDAY
CROYDON v St. Albans Dinamo at Town Park, 3pm.
GREEN GULLY v Broadmeadows at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm.
Polonia v BOX HILL at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

SPRINGVALE v Caulfield at Ross Reserve, 3pm.
Thomastown v INSTITUTE OF SPORT at Partridge Reserve, 3pm.

Costello sacked!

Newly amalgamated Victorian Third Division side, Corio-Geelong United, has sacked its coach less than four weeks before the beginning of the season.

Tom Costello, a former Scottish under-23 international, has been replaced by Tiziano Cavallari, the ex-Brunswick Juventus and Fawkner player.

Costello had been under some pressure after his team lost to East Geelong in the Geelong Advertiser Cup but it had bounced back to win its last four games including a Ricoh Dockerty Cup tie against Diamond Valley United last weekend.

Costello said last week, "I was told weeks ago that I would have to play more Italians in the side. I told Alho (the club president) if they were good enough they would be playing. All they really want is a 'yes' man and that's something I'm not."

The club was formed last year when the predominantly Italian-backed Provisional League club Geelong United merged with the Third Division Dutch-German influenced Corio.



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VIC. CUP MATCHES

Here are all of last weekend's results in the Ricoh Dockerty Cup:

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1, Lalor United 0 SM-Mordialloc 1 (on Saturday), SM-Mordialloc 2 Waverley 1 (on Sunday).

The Victorian League Cup matches to be played this Saturday, kick-offs 3pm, are:

Lalor United v Albion, Clifton Hill v North Geelong, Doncaster v Rovers v Knox City, Ringwood United v Essendon City, Bulleen v Fernie Gully, Rosanna v Langwarrin, Keysborough v North Dandenong, Karling United v Yallourn, Nunawading City v Kellor, Altona Gate v Werribee. Bell

Park v Westgate, Williamstown v Coburg, Mooroolbark v Waverley City, Holland Park v Sunbury United, Altona City v Hamlyn Rangers, Port Melbourne v Dandenong City, Pascoe Vale v Hawthorn Citizens, Clarinda v Prahran City.

The Provisional League Cup matches to be played this Saturday, kick-offs 3pm, are: Mitcham United v Wandrina, Ascot St Marks v Ardeer (St Albans Ground), Mulgrave v Brunswick City, Mossfield v Camur United, Regent v Mooroolbark, Riverside v South Yarra, Clayton v Melton, Ivanhoe City v Warrnambool United.

Burwood United v Cranbourne, Keeley Park, Clareville Street, Clayton, Lyndale United v Monash University, Dingley United v Meadow Park, Ringwood Rovers v Eagles United.

The Provisional League Reserve Cup matches to be played this Saturday, kick-offs 1pm, are:

Batman United v Mulgrave, Ringwood Rovers v Malvern City, Burwood United v Forest Hill, Keeley Park, Clareville Street, Clayton, Riverside v St Kilda, Brunswick City v Sky Rovers, Springvale Condors v

Rovers want Fryszner, McIvor

Doncaster Rovers are trying to sign Mike Fryszner and Mike McIvor but failed in a bid to sign Des Shannon.

Goalkeeper Fryszner is a former Hakosh and Polonia player who midfielder McIvor has played with Footscray JUST, Doveton and Springvale City.

Shannon, the ex-Croydon and Wertheim midfielder, trained with Rovers but decided to stay with Victorian League Second Division outfit Ringwood United.

Rovers' coach Norm Maitland, the former George Cross great, has retired as a player.

"I'm too bloody old to tell you the truth. I've had trouble with my knee and I won't even be

playing in the reserves this year," said Maitland.

Maitland lost four players from last year's first team squad and striker Rob Forsyth, leading scorer in First Division last season with 24 goals, has a bad back injury that could sideline him for the first half of the season.

Gary Clayton, the former Juventus and South Melbourne Hellas goalkeeper, has joined State League outfit Broadmeadows; Jan Pucovski, who plays district cricket with Ringwood, will be playing cricket in England this year; Keith Valentine has retired to concentrate on pennant golf; and young Steve Brimmer has joined Box Hill.

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It didn't take Rudi Gutendorf (pictured) long to make his presence felt in Fiji.

The West German, who is now Fiji's national team manager, does not suffer fools gladly and he obviously regards Fijian Football Association officials as nearly all wealthy and elderly Fijian businessmen — to be in that category.

Gutendorf's first clash with an FFA heavyweight occurred within two days of his arrival in Suva when he discovered that team manager, Jahir Khan, had neglected to arrange for a masseur to be present at a training session. "Khan shouldn't be a manager if he can't organise something as basic," Gutendorf informed all within a very wide earshot, then cancelled the training session and instructed his players to go swimming.

Other early victims of Gutendorf's ire were team director

Sadha Prasad: "His job is to solve the team's problems, yet they never see him or hear from him," and assistant manager, Santokh Singh: "I [Gutendorf] don't want an assistant manager who only makes press releases."

The former Socceroo coach's most public outburst came during his first match in charge of Fiji — against touring Soviet club side Dynamo Minsk at Suva's National Stadium. FFA secretary Jitendra Maharaj overruled Gutendorf and instructed his players to go swimming, an action which provoked the volatile German to bawl: "You are stupid! You

are an idiot! You don't know anything! I am the boss! I decide what to do!"

When FFA life member and elder statesman of Fijian football Sahi Mahendra came down from the main stand to try and pacify Gutendorf, he was unceremoniously pushed away.

Sources close to the national squad say that there have been numerous other incidents in which Gutendorf has angrily rebuked officials.

The FFA must now be reflecting upon its decision to accept the colorful German as national team coach, only a week after rejecting his initial

application for the post of assistant coach.

"The Fiji Times" quoted the national federation's assistant secretary, David Matthews, as stating that Gutendorf's financial requirements were "a joke."

Certainly, the financially sick national body would not have been in a position to meet his demands for \$1500 a month, a car, a house and two return tickets to Frankfurt had the West German federation not stepped in and offered to provide a substantial portion of Gutendorf's salary package — but only if he became chief coach.

Aware of the admirable success achieved by the Deutsche Fußball Bund-sponsored Jochen Figue in neighboring Papua New Guinea, the Fijians agreed to its proposal. Many sympathetic observers of Fijian soccer have long been convinced that only a radical and energetic reformer can eradicate its major problems of lack of discipline among players and gross ineptitude of officials. Whether or not "Riegel Rudi" is the man to bring about the fulfillment of Fiji's undoubted potential remains to be seen.

He has certainly made an encouraging start — on the pitch at least.

Fiji held Dynamo Minsk to a 0-1 loss and 0-0 draw. After the latter game in Lautoka, Dynamo's coach unhesitatingly declared Fiji to be "considerably stronger" than the New Zealand side which had earlier lost three of its four games against the Soviets.

The Fijians meet New Zealand in the Olympic preliminary series later this year. — PAUL MOON

The developers are waiting in the wings

Peaceful protests by supporters have helped save the identities of two of London's most popular teams, Queens Park Rangers and Fulham, but more clubs are threatened by property developers keen to exploit their real estate value.

There are 12 London teams in the four divisions of the English League. The Aristocrats, Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal, are among the most powerful clubs in the world but poor results and falling gates are making life difficult for their managers.

Soccer authorities believe it is only a matter of time before property developers decide the land occupied by ordinary football teams is too valuable to have a ball kicked around on it once a week.

Fulham, the historic West London club whose colors were once carried by Bobby Moore, George Best and Johnny Haynes, seem likely to be the first to fall under the bulldozer.

But a proposed merger with neighboring Queen's Park Rangers was called off last week after onfield protests by fans of both teams, backed by concerted action from the game's authorities.

Marlier Estates, which owns the Fulham club and its Craven Cottage ground, planned to close it down and redevelop the inner city site as luxury homes. The players were destined to be absorbed at nearby QPR.

But after its reprieve Professional Footballers' Association secretary Graham Kelly said: "The crew of the good ship football have united to repel a pirate boarder."

The Football League is looking at ways of preventing other clubs being sold off and losing their identities. According to Kelly the problem is not peculiar to London clubs.

"It is the thin edge of the wedge and will happen in the rest of the country as well," he said.

Fulham, now languishing in the middle of the Third Division after being relegated last year, is not the only club under threat. An increasing number, struggling to balance their books and meet the wage demands of top players, are considering mergers or ground sharing schemes.

Two London clubs, Crystal Palace and Charlton, already share the Selhurst Park ground and recently Wimbledon announced it was discussing a possible merger with Crystal Palace.

"As far as soccer in west London is concerned there are too many products chasing too few customers," said Fulham and Marlier Estates chairman David Bulstrode. "The implications are the same for football as for any business."

Fulham has certainly fallen on hard times. The club has seen its lowest gates this season and is expected to lose \$140,000 (\$A932,600) this year. Losses in the past four seasons topped \$1 million (\$A2.3 million) despite the sale of top players.

The reason the English capital's football grounds are



Jimmy Hill — negotiating abolition of maximum wage for players.

proving so attractive to property developers is the substantial rise in land values in west London.

Marlier is reported to have paid about \$29 million (\$A21 million) for Fulham last year. If the company gets planning permission, it will recoup its investment several times over as flats in that part of the city can command prices of around \$250,000 (\$A582,875). Marlier also owns the freehold of the Stamford Bridge ground where First Division side Chelsea is based, just over a kilometre down the road from Craven Cottage.

It has planning permission to build luxury flats and homes when Chelsea's lease runs out in 1989. The five-bedroom homes featured in the plans would currently fetch about \$250,000 (\$A1.17 million) each, Bulstrode said.

Bulstrode's critics may say he does not have the best interests of the game at heart, but he has his own view.

"Too many businessmen who have bought clubs run them as a hobby not as a business. Too often, success is measured by league points and not by the income the club generates. Fulham and Chelsea were already in dire straits before we became involved," he said.

Ironically it was Fulham, a small club which never won any major honors, which played a key role in initiating football's recent financial problems.

In the early sixties, Jimmy Hill, then a Fulham player, negotiated the abolition of the maximum wage for players and shortly afterwards, Fulham midfielder Johnny Haynes became the first \$100-a-week player (now about \$A233).

Is Kiev about to burn itself out?

Dynamo Kiev, apparently on the threshold of becoming one of the all-time greats of European club football, is in imminent danger of burning itself out, instead.

Doubling up as the Soviet national team, it faces a schedule reminiscent of that of its overworked predecessors of the mid-1970s.

The players then grew stale and sick of football and never truly fulfilled their enormous potential.

This same fate could befall the current Kiev team. Towards the end of last season — which, in an unprecedented move, had been extended into December so Kiev could complete its punishing programme, Valer Lohovsky said: "We are tired of football."

The significance of this remark was that it came from the man best qualified to know — and to worry about the consequences. For Lohovsky is not only the coach of Kiev, he doubles up too with the national team.

For all that, just a couple of weeks after Kiev had won its final match against title challenger Moscow Dynamo and still retained the league crown, it was off on a grand tour of Europe — running around in silly indoor tournaments in Munich and Lucerne.

Most of the players were then sent directly on to Italy, putting on their national team caps on the way, for a training camp and a friendly with Roma (which they duly won, despite being without the injured Igor Belanov, thanks to a lone goal from Vadim Yevushenko in the 72nd minute).

Then it was back to the Ukraine for pre-season training at the resort of Gantadi. Here again they played several friendlies as Kiev before the schizophrenic fixture list turned them back into the national team for the friendly against Wales in Swansea.

At midnight, Cinderella chased back into Kiev to get ready for the European Super-cup tie against Steaua Bucharest in Monaco.

After this a holiday? Certainly not.

On March 4 Kiev jetted away again, this time to play Besiktas of Istanbul in the first leg of the Champions' Cup quarter-finals. Belanov, Blokhin and Co. led the benefit of home preparation for this first leg. After all, Kiev was drawn first out of the hat.

But the Turks were frightened that they would suffer the sort of defeat in the Soviet Union which would deter any

of their fans from paying out to see the return.

So they asked Kiev to switch, and Kiev kindly agreed, though one assumes that somewhere along the line the Kiev management, and maybe the Soviet federation too, found this a worthwhile manoeuvre.

But it is, in the end, really the players who pay. The players who barely returned from Istanbul before they had to fly off again, this time to Soviet Georgia, to play against promoted Guria Lanchkhuti upon the opening day of the new Soviet season.

The Besiktas return is on March 18, the European semi-finals on April 8 and 22 and then the European (national — and to worry about the consequences) championship tie against East Germany comes up on April 29.

The Soviet season will, by then, be just over seven weeks under way and already — even allowing for the meticulously scientific training schedules created by Lohovsky and his aides — Kiev will surely be on its knees.

This scenario will come as little surprise to veteran striker Oleg Blokhin, that star of all the Russians. He has known this sort of life for two decades, ever since Kiev first played in the European Cup when, in the autumn of 1967, it knocked out holder Celtic in the first round.

Kiev, founded in 1927, had been a founder member of the Soviet first division and has never been relegated. It finished runner-up that first year but had to wait until 1961 before it became the first club outside Moscow to land the title.

Soon it was dominating the Soviet scene. It achieved the league and cup double five years later and went on to a record-equaling hat-trick of league titles.

Key players were midfielders Iosif Sabo and Viktor Serbryankov, the former a tough tackler, the latter more cultured, and forwards Valeri Porkuyan and Anatoli Bishovets.

Porkuyan scored three goals for the national team at the 1966 World Cup finals in England while Bishovets led the Soviet attack with distinction for years later in Mexico.

He also played a decisive role in that first meeting with Celtic. Kiev was the Champions' Cup newcomer; Celtic was then the reigning European

champion, having swept aside the injury-weakened Internazionale of Italy in the final a few months earlier. The date was September 19 at Celtic Park.

Kiev, in the words of its coach, former international right half Viktor Maslov "does not come to defend. We have a variable system. If we have to defend then we defend. If we can attack, then we will attack. Even here in Glasgow."

It took just four minutes to prove the point. Sabo won the ball in the Kiev half, saw a gap and threaded his pass through the Celtic defence for Bishovets to fire past Ronnie Simpson.

Another 24 minutes and Bishovets beat Billy McNeill for speed to make the score 2-0. Bobby Lennox pulled one back, to the delight of the 68,000 crowd, in the 62nd minute, and Kiev keeper Rudakov made superb fingertip saves to headers from Johnstone and McNeill.

But, as West German referee Tschenscher — who had also controlled the Lisbon final — said, "it seemed as though Celtic conceded a late equaliser to the ever-dangerous Bishovets. Celtic's reign was already over. Kiev had started to make the same error."

In the return Celtic thought it had taken the lead when McNeill got the ball into the net in the 22nd minute. But Italian referee Antonio Sbardella disallowed the goal.

He also sent off Lennox in the second half — minutes after the winger had put Celtic in front — and 18-year Celtic conceded a late equaliser to the ever-dangerous Bishovets. Celtic's reign was already over. Kiev had started to make the same error.

At the start of the following European season Celtic and Kiev were again drawn together. This time Celtic protested. It did not want to play an Eastern bloc team so soon after Warsaw Pact tanks had rolled into Czechoslovakia to stifle the fresh air of the "Prague Spring".

Under pressure from several other western clubs, UEFA reorganised the first-round draw and provoked the instant, angry withdrawal of the Soviets and their allies.

Ironically, the one federation which did not join the Communist boycott was the Czechoslovak FA, which had the satisfaction of seeing its own Slovan Bratislava go on to win the European Cup.

But if Kiev had made a start,



Dynamo Kiev captain Anatoli Demianenko proudly raises the 1986 European Cup Winners' Cup.

it did not really take on as far as the international scene went until Lohovsky became team manager.

A former Kiev left-winger, who played twice for the national side, Lohovsky ended his playing career with the miners' club, Shakhtyor Donetsk after two seasons with Chernomorez Odessa.

He managed Dnipro from 1968 to October 1973, when he returned to Kiev as boss and insisted on taking with him Oleg Bazilevich, another former Kiev player who had been in charge at Shakhtyor Donetsk.

Many of Lohovsky's ideas had been culled from a visit to West Germany to study the preparation of the top sides at a time when the likes of Bayern Munich and Borussia Mönchengladbach were among the very best in the world.

He learned a lot, especially at Borussia from its outstanding manager, Hennes Weisweiler.

But Lohovsky was also lucky in that his arrival at Kiev coincided with the emergence of the young Blokhin.

In 1974 Kiev clinched its second double and, in May of 1975, became the first Soviet team to win a European trophy when it beat Ferencváros of Hungary by 3-0 in the Cup-winners' Cup final in Basel.

Later that year it clinched the league title for the seventh time in 14 seasons.

It was then that the Soviet federation grew too greedy for its own good. Officials in far-away Moscow saddled the Ukraine club en bloc with all the national team fixtures and, when the Olympic qualifying team began to falter, with its schedule as well.

The Kiev players had to maintain their fitness, enthusiasm and dedication through a campaign which included Kiev's own league and cup and European fixtures, as well as the national team's friendly, World Cup and Olympic commitments.

On one occasion they arrived back at Kiev airport after an away league match and were allowed not even the chance to catch five minutes with their families before they were herded into another airport lounge, onto another aircraft and off for another international fixture.

Naturally, it all fell apart.

In 1976 Kiev was knocked out of the European Cup by Saint-Etienne in the quarter-finals, and the following year, it beat title-holder Bayern Munich at this stage only to lose in the semi-finals to Borussia Mönchengladbach... that same Borussia from which Lohovsky had learned so much. A few months more and the USSR was eliminated from the World Cup qualifiers.

Blokhin suffered a series of injuries and, almost simultaneously, went through a prima donna stage. Yet, despite this, and despite the fact that the old guard — right wing Onishenko, keeper Rudakov and defenders Reshko and Fomenko — retired, Kiev more than held its own in domestic competition.

Lohovsky blended in his new youngsters to such good effect that Kiev still led the league for much of the year.

A 2-0 home defeat by Spartak Moscow proved decisive, because Spartak went on to overhaul it and win the league.

Lohovsky had proof that he was on the right track by now, of course. With assistant Anatoli Puzach — himself a former Kiev international striker — he has worked steadfastly to build a team which has not only emulated the 1975 side, but promises to surpass it.

If, that is, the federation does not push its good luck. First sign of a cloud of fatigue on the horizon came just before the final of the World Cup last year. When Eduard Malofeyev appeared to be losing his grip — it was being whispered that the Kiev and Tbilisi men just would not play for Moscow — the federation appointed Lohovsky to the job.

Not surprisingly he increased to 12 the Kiev representation in the squad for Moscow.

In itself, that was no problem. The problem stems from the fact that Lohovsky has since been confirmed not as short-term caretaker, but as Soviet chief up to and including the 1980 World Cup in Italy.

Of course, he will lean most heavily on the players he admires and knows best; his own at Kiev.

Striptease in Brazil, Caton joins Oxford

● A spinal injury has forced Aberdeen's Frank McDougall one of the most prolific goalscorers in Scottish domestic soccer in recent seasons, into premature retirement. He is 29.

● The Pernambuco State League in Brazil is reported to be experimenting with a novel form of pre-match entertainment — striptease shows. Now, there's an idea to perk up a dull afternoon at Olympic Park.

● Oxford United has signed Tommy Caton, the Adelaide-bred former England under-21 international defender, from Arsenal. The transfer fee was \$320,000.

● Rumania's Steaua Bucharest added the European Super Cup to the European Champions' Cup it won last year by defeating European Cup Winners' Cup holders Dynamo Kiev 1-0 in Monte Carlo.

● Sao Paul FC is the 1986-87 Brazilian champion.

● The draw for the English FA Cup quarter-final is: Wimbledon v Tottenham Hotspur, Sheffield Wednesday v Coventry City, Wigan Athletic v Leeds United, Arsenal v Watford. The matches will be played on the morning of March 15, Australian time.

Schumacher lifts the lid on drug abuse

Tony Schumacher's allegations that many top West German players take performance-enhancing drugs may end the brilliant goalkeeper's career with the national team and is clouding his future with his home club.

The flamboyant 32-year-old goalie rocked West Germany's soccer establishment with the allegations in his book, which was recently previewed in 'Der Spiegel' and goes on sale later this month.

Schumacher has been no stranger to controversy during a career that has included 76 international games and more than 400 matches with FC Cologne in the Bundesliga.

He became a superstar with big saves on big occasions, including the World Cup in Mexico last year. He also gained worldwide notoriety with a foul that nearly crippled French player Patrick Battiston in a 1982 World Cup game in Spain.

His book, "Anpuff" (Starting Whistle), alleges that many West German First Division players have been using stimulants for years. It also discusses some stars' sex lives and drinking habits. Schumacher wrote that Paul Breitner used to "smoke like a chimney and drink like a Cossack." Breitner, now retired, is threatening to sue.

When the book's contents became known, Schumacher lost his job as captain of the National Team and was dropped from the game against Israel to be played on March 25. His return to the national squad looks increasingly doubtful.

FC Cologne suspended Schumacher from the next league game and the team's business manager, Michael Meier, has indicated the

goalkeeper's contract could be terminated before it expires in 1988.

Schumacher is one of the highest-paid West German stars. 'Stern' magazine reported his estimated annual income is \$1,620,000 — half from endorsement fees, half from the playing contract.

The mass-circulation 'Bild' newspaper predicted Schumacher would be dropped from Cologne and might be forced to continue his career abroad.

National team manager Franz Beckenbauer was quoted as saying Schumacher was finished as team captain.

"I have now read the whole book and it's even more stupid than I had thought before," Beckenbauer told 'Die Welt' newspaper.

"Schumacher has started a verbal assault on everything having to do with soccer.

"We cannot and should not accept this without responding. He's no longer suited to be national team captain."

West German officials have reacted sharply to Schumacher's allegations. The German Soccer Federation scheduled a meeting for last weekend to discuss the claims made in the book and his fate.

Leading tam physicians and officials have proposed mandatory drug testing. But they hope the tests will prove Schumacher's allegations false.

FC Cologne said it would subject its players to a drug test in an attempt to clear the club's reputation.

In an interview with the 'Die Welt' Newspaper published recently, Schumacher said he was happy that FC Cologne was conducting the drug tests.

"It's a beginning. Without my book, the con-

trols would not have come so fast," Schumacher said.

"The primary aim of my book was to make clear that Bundesliga players have been taking stimulants. That's the truth and it must be made public," he said.

"We must talk about this, before we live to see the day when a player collapses on the field," he told 'Die Welt'.

Schumacher's hopes that other players would support his statements have not materialised. National team colleague Klaus Augenthaler of Bayern Munich said he could never play again on the same side with Schumacher.

The previous low point in Schumacher's career came when he charged into Patrick Battiston during the 1982 World Cup semi-final in Seville, sidelining the French defender for several months in one of the most brutal fouls seen at international level in years.

The two later held a much-publicised reconciliation but bad feelings lingered.

Schumacher overcame condemnation at home and abroad for the foul on Battiston and maintained his place on the team with exceptional saves.

Four years later in Mexico, the outspoken goalkeeper seriously injured teammate Matthias Herget in training.

But the "Villain of Seville" became the "Hero of Mexico" as he led West Germany to its second consecutive final with brilliant goalkeeping, including two penalty saves against the host side.

In the final against Argentina, however, Schumacher misjudged a high cross and missed the ball, allowing the South Americans to open the score. Argentina went on to a 3-2 victory.



West German goalkeeper Toni Schumacher was "on a high" during the World Cup Finals in Mexico.

Beckenbauer: I really must learn to keep my mouth shut

Franz Beckenbauer the team chief who led West Germany to runners-up spot in the World Cup, is now preparing for the European Championship finals to be staged in eight West German cities between June 10 and 25 next year.

Beckenbauer has extended his contract with the DFB until 1990, but at the moment he has no idea what he will do then.

At 41 he has already achieved a lot as a player, few footballers in the world have been more successful, certainly no one in Germany.

As an old-time great on the field of play, can he become an all-time hero as a manager?

Kaiser Franz, looking back at Mexico, says: "I could have been the big loser in the world championship, if we had been eliminated earlier. The media would have crucified me."

Beckenbauer, whom DFB president Hermann Neuburger describes as a "lucky stroke for German football", a loser?

Well, the fact is that he thought about the possibility in hindsight, either on his golf course in Kitzbuhel (Austria) where he lives, or while managing the World XI in Pasadena for last summer's Unicef game.

He admits to having made mistakes, beginning with the much-publicised statement in Mexico's training camp at Morelia when he said: "We can't win the World Cup."

The surprised journalists made a lot of that spontaneous remark. Some attacked him for undermining the squad's confidence.

One accused him of "abdication of his fame", after Beckenbauer had allowed himself to become involved in a slanging match with the Mexican journalist Miguel Hirsch on television and was not exactly choosy with words.

Other papers, too, were even less complimentary in the assessment of Kaiser Franz's performance on the small screen.

But he remains unrepentant — "I tried to protect my team just

as any other manager would have done. I tried to prevent any damage to their morale and this surely was my duty."

But the success in Mexico probably saved his managerial career, for the time being, and his image received a new boost.

That he is highly popular once more is reflected in the colossal

Schumacher and Rummenigge was newsworthy.

"When I think how in 1974, at home, the row broke out over bonuses, how Paul Breitner was all ready to pack his bags and go home — my God, there was something going on every day.

"It could have provided the gutter press with material for

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postbag and the steady demands for autographs, not forgetting the queue of sponsors offering lucrative contracts.

"I underestimated the power of the spoken word," he says. "As a player I was just one of many, but as a team boss I am obviously the representative of Western German football."

Another admitted mistake was his outburst at the Italian referee Luigi Agnolli, after the 4-1 defeat by Austria last October. He says: "I lost my cool. I was determined after Mexico to become quiet and more rational. I really must learn to keep my mouth shut."

But perhaps his biggest blunders were not tactical deployment, or the choice of players — "I would even today still have left Grndel, Buchwald, Funkel and Mill at home (my worst moment)" and still asked Matthias to Mark Maradona in the final — my biggest error was to permit the journalists to live in the same hotel as the squad.

"For the European Championships we shall be separated and train once again in a sports school. We will no longer be observed, spied upon, checked out, scrutinised etc."

"The worst were the scandal magazines who were not interested in considering what damage they are doing to our football."

"They even reported 'exclusive' stories when there weren't any. Only the quarrel between

months, but not in 1986."

Beckenbauer has high hopes for the immediate future: "Matthaus is becoming the personality in midfield that I need; Rahn, Thon and Frontzeck — that is the coming generation for a hopeful future."

But he rejects any speculation about the European Championship team composition. "Well, if the tournament was to start today, we would put Berthold at right full-back, then Horster, Au-

The program starts on March 25 with the first senior match against Israel in Tel Aviv. Then follow games against Italy in Cologne on April 18; France in Berlin on August 12; England in Dusseldorf on September 9; Denmark in Hamburg on September 23; Sweden at a venue yet to be fixed on October 14; Hungary in Budapest on November 18 and Switzerland in Kaiserslautern on March 23, 1988.

In addition, a four-nation tournament is planned for Berlin in April 1988, but it appears that UEFA is not too keen on such showpieces which could devalue their own competition.

Beckenbauer was also in the headlines having come out in favour of replacing a throw-in with a free kick and experimenting with two referees.

Never before in the Bundesliga have referees endured so much criticism and abuse as in the first half of this season. Last term the number of sendings-off shot up by 50 per cent as com-

pared to the worst record.

In 1982-83, 21 players were shown the red card, in 1985-86 there were 31. A number of players suffered bad injuries which forced some to give up their careers, while the culprits got off scot-free, mainly because the referees failed to spot and didn't punish the brutal fouls.

General opinion is that a number of referees pushing 50 are no longer physically able to follow the pace of a modern match.

Some team managers, among them Erich Ribbeck of Bayer Leverkusen who claims that he advocated the use of two referees — Herget as 'libero' — I don't know, we'll have to see about the rest." The new team has to mature so he has arranged a series of friendlies to compensate for the lack of competitive qualifying fixtures.

Ees 20 years ago, would like to see each half of the field controlled by one referee — "I am convinced that this will come much sooner than many people think."

Beckenbauer agrees: "The referees have always been exposed to criticism and will always remain so. Because the game is constantly getting faster, the condition and stamina of the referees suffer."

"We should certainly experiment with two officials, perhaps during tournaments or friendly games during the summer break. One referee can be responsible for each half of the pitch. The problems would not be solved, but certainly diminished."

But the proposal that players guilty of committing bad fouls should be suspended for as long as the victim is out of action, has not met with approval.

Willie Lemke, the business manager of Werder Bremen, asks: "What would happen if a player is put out of action for good. Should the opponent who caused the injury also be thrown out of the game?"

The suggestion that a free kick should replace the throw-in is certainly interesting. Beckenbauer thinks that throw-ins are "boring"; a free kick from the touchline "would speed the game up".



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TA NEA TON OMADON MAS APO TO SΗΜΕΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ



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ΕΛΛΑΣ και ΚΡΟΑΤΙΑ ΣΤΟΝ ΤΕΛΙΚΟ

ΕΛΛΑΣ και Κροατία θα παίξουν το Σάββατο το 14/3 στον τελικό του Μπάφαλο Καπ. Και οι δύο ομάδες νίκησαν δίκαια τους αντιπάλους τους και πήραν το εισιτήριο για την τελική ράση. Ο Πάολο Μανιόβιτς κέρωσε τον Αλέξανδρο δύο φορές και οδήγησε την ομάδα του σε νίκη, κάτι που θα μπορούσε να είχε εφάρσα λίγες ο μέγας αν οι παίκτες του ήταν περισσότερο βετικοί και αν ο προπονητής Μανιόβιτς μετά το 2-1 εις βάρος του που έγινε στο 54' δυνάμει την επίθεσή του. "Αντίθετα έκανε αλλαγές αυτοκτονίας, όπως όταν άλλαξε αμυντικό (Ανζέλιμ) και έβαλε πάλι αμυντικό (Παπάς). 'Ας μην έχουν λοιπόν παράπονα οι Αλέξανδροι που δεν έφτασαν στον τελικό.

Η ΕΛΛΑΣ χρειάστηκε 57 λεπτά να περάσει μπροστά στο σκόρ με αντίπαλο την δυνατή αλλά και παύσυχνη Τζ.Κροα. Ηουβιασμένα ξεκίνησε η ομάδα του Γκάρβου και με βολύβια περισσότερο όταν ο νεαρός Μαρκόβιτς στο 36' έβαλε την ομάδα του μπροστά στο σκόρ το οποίο ισοφάρισε ο κάπταίν του κυανολέων Ράσελ ακριβώς με την εκπνοή (45') του 1 ημιχρόνου.

Στην επανάληψη περισσότερο σωστή η ελληνική ομάδα πέτυχε ένα θαυμάσιο γκολ με τον 'Ηγκαν(57') και πήρε την νίκη. Ακριβώς στο 92' (είχε κρατηθεί σωστά καθυστέρηση) δ' Αόμπετς έκανε τη χροστή

πρόκριση, θάζοντας από περιπέτειες οι-λάθους και συμπαίχτες.

Ο ΤΕΛΙΚΟΣ θα γίνει το Σάββατο 14/3 και ώρα 8.15 μ.μ. στο Ολυμπικ Πάρκ.

Ο ΗΠΑΙΑΝ ΓΚΑΡΒΥ θα έχει όλους τους παίκτες στην διαθεσή του, ως επίσης και τον Πάολ Ραούβιντς που έστρεψε στην 'Ελ-Βούση και άρχισε προπονήσεις με την ομάδα του.

ΗΠΕΡΒΑΣΥΝΑΙ ΤΟ ΘΕΜΑ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

ΤΟ ΔΙΚΑΙΩΜΑΤΟΣ του 14' όπου κατέφυγε ο γκολκίπερ του Χάιφτον Χιλ Γιάννης Κόρ-γιος και η Γιουβέντους έβγαλε απόφαση σχετικά με την τιμή του η οποία είναι 4.000 δολάρια.

Χέος το Δ.Σ. της ιταλικής ομάδας εκφράζεται να συνεδριάσει προκειμένου να πάρει απόφαση αν θα διαθεθεί τα χρήματα για τον παίκτη ή όχι.

Στο μεταξύ όμως έμαθε η στήλη για τον θανάσιμο και ταλαντούχο τερματοφύλακα ενδοαφρόεταί έμιας ομάδας με τον Στέφ-Αλφκ και μπορεί να προσφέρει τα χρήματα αυτά.

Γεγονός είναι ότι στον ταλαντούχο γκολκίπερ οι παρκάροντες του Χάιφτον Χιλ του ΚΟΒΟΥΝ την τήρη προκειμένου να κλέψει καριέρα σε ομάδα της Βενιχής κατηγορίας. Φυσικά δεν είμαστε της γνώμης ο παίκτης να δοθεί δωρεάν αλλά τουλάχιστον να υπάρχει μία λογική τιμή.

Η ευκαιρία στον κάθε ταλαντούχο παίκτη δίνεται μία φορά και ο Κόργιος μπορεί άνετα να πείσει κάτω από τα δοκάρια της Γιουβέντους.

ΟΙ ΉΙΚΡΟΙ ΥΠΕΡΒΑΝ

ΟΙ ΉΙΚΡΟΙ ταλαντούχοι παίκτες της ΒΑ-λς Καλογόρου, Κιάκας και Ήιχας, υπέγραψαν νέα συμβόλαια με την ελληνική μας ομάδα.

Μέχρι τώρα που γράφεται η στήλη δεν εί-χε κατοχυρωθεί το συμβόλαιο του Χρή-του Ανδριώτη.

Εκ του αντιπρόεδρου όμως του συλλόγου Βασίλη Γεωργιανή που μιλώσαμε μας είπε σχετικά: "Δεν υπάρχει περίπτωση να φέ-γει ο Ανδριώτης".

ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΔΟΚΕΡΤΥ ΚΟΥΠ

Η ΔΟΞΑ Ι-Ο ΚΑΘΑΡΟΣ ΤΟ ΣΑΝΤΡΕΠΑΝ

Η ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ δυνατή και σωστή σε όλη τη διάρκεια του αγώνα με το Σάντρε-παν που είναι στην Β' κατηγορία του Βι-κάριαν Αλφκ, νίκησε Ι-Ο και πέρασε τά-ρα στον Γ' γύρο του Κυπέλλου Ήτοκρεαν.

Η ελληνική ομάδα που αγωνίστηκε τελικά στο γήπεδο του ΠΑΟΚ στην Αλτόνα, την δι-οίκηση του οποίου ευχαριστεί, ήταν από την αρχή της συνάντησης η πρωταγωνιστή-ρια και κράτησε στο μεγαλύτερο διάστη-μα την υπεροχή.

Το γκολ πέτυχε ο Στρατάκης στο 39' με-τά από προσπάθεια του Διονυσόπουλου.

Εκ της Δόξας έπαιξαν οι: Αποστολίδης, Τσοκλίδης, Σαυερβόρ, Γ. Μελέτης, Α. Δη-μήτριος, Τερζάκης, Ν. Μελέτης, Τασομήνης, Διο-νυσόπουλος, Γκάλλαν, Στρατάκης.

Πολύ καλή η διαπίστωση του κ. Δ. ΜΗ-ΝΙΧ. Βρήθηκε κοντά σε όλες τις φάσεις και ήταν αντικειμενικός. Βαθμολ. 9.

ΔΥΟ ΜΙΛΕΣ ΤΟΝ ΣΗΜ

ΓΙΑ το Ήτοκρεαν κατ' ο Ερμής Κορυνθίων πέτυχε δύο νίκες σε... δύο ημέρες! Το Σάββατο νίκησε το Λαίηλορ Ι-Ο και με γκολ του Ρετρέ που πέτυχε από το ση-μείο του πέναλτυ, ενώ την Κυριακή απέ-λεισε το Γουόβαρλ 2-1. Σκόρερς ήταν ο Ρετρέ και ο Φιλίππης.

ΑΤΥΧΟ ΤΟ ΔΟΧΑΝΤ ΕΚ'ΕΣ Ι-Ο

ΣΤΟΝ πρώτο αγώνα του πρωταθλήματος το Κάλφλιντ ατύχησε και έχασε Ι-0 από το Τομας-έον, ενώ κανονικά θα μπορούσε να είχε νικήσει 4-0.

Η ελληνική ομάδα δέχθηκε στο 15' το μο-ναδικό τέρμα (Τέμος) και στο 30' έχασε πέναλτυ που κτύπησε ο Σαχινίδης.

Επίσης η ατυχία του Κάλφλιντ σημάδευ-ται στα τρία δοκάρια που είχε με τους Θεοδόπου, Α. Θεοδοσόπουλο, Σαχινίδη. 'Παίξαν οι Νέτζι, Φιλίππου, Κίχαφα, Κού-τος, Π. Χάρης, Ήπρβους (ΙΟ' Αμπαχαμ) Τσι-λ-λор (70' Τσιτρίλδης) Θεοδόπουλος, Ήιτσίδης Σαχινίδης, Θεοδοσόπουλος.

ΑΝΑΝΕΡΕΣ ΣΤΟ ΓΚΑΡΠΤΕΝ ΣΙΤΥ

ΣΕ ΑΡΚΕΤΟΥΣ παίκτες του Γκάρπτεν Σίτυ δεν θα ανανεωθούν τα δελτία για την σε-ζόν του 1987. Η ελληνική ομάδα ζητεί νέους παίκτες και γκολκίπερ. Οι ευδια-φρόνιστοι να τηλεφωνήσουν στο 663 4822 στον Μάνο Μίλιο.

Si parte con Marconi-Juve

Il grande Marconi d Vieri ha perso la finale della State Bank Cup finale battuto per 1-2 dal Sydney Croatia. Dopo le strabilianti vittorie precedenti regalate dalla squadra ai suoi tifosi, questi avrebbero tutto il diritto di strappare i capelli per la "inaspettata sconfitta.

Ma con il passare del tempo la sconfitta contro il Croatia prima dell'inizio del campionato potrebbe rivelarsi il risultato più utile dell'anno per la squadra di Bossley Park. Una battuta d'arresto per uno squa-dre e sempre cosa molto salu-tare: solo una importante sconfitta può "compiere il miracolo di far capire a giocatori, dirigenti, tifosi e allenatori che nessuna formazione scende in campo con il "diritto di vincere. E prima si impara questa lezione e meglio è.

Ora il Marconi ci ispira an-cora più fiducia di una setti-mana fa, perché siamo sicuri che a "buoni indottrinatori han-no poche sconfitte" e che per l'inizio del campionato saranno portati quei piccoli

ritocchi necessari per una perfetta messa a punto di quella che appare la migliore macchina da goal del cam-pionato nazionale.

I cugini dell'APIA che, pur acquistando in grande non han-no raggiunto la finale del tor-neo pre-campionato, sembrino intenzionali a non passare per "cugini poveri", almeno stando alle voci che li vorrebbero cor-rettori di Graham Arnold del Croatia.

Il giocatore e da consider-are uno dei più costosi pezzi sul mercato, non solo perché è il centravanti della nazionale e praticamente il miglior uomo-go al d'Australia, ma anche perché è legato al Croatia da un contratto in corso e non an-cora scaduto, il che significa che il Croatia può chiedere qualsiasi cifra senza che ne il giocatore ne l'APIA possano appellarsi ad alcun tribunale sportivo o civile. O pagano la cifra richiesta o Arnold rimane al Croatia. A meno che non so-praggiungano altri fatti.

Ad Adelaide la Juventus lo-cale ha raggiunto l'ultimo turno della coppa notturna im-pugnandosi per 1-0 sul Para Hills. L'altra finalista è l'Hellas che ha battuto il Campbelltown

per 3-1. La finale si giocherà questa sera, mercoledì. La finale della Buffalo Cup di Melbourne sarà disputata sabato prossimo fra il South Melbourne Hellas e il Croatia. Tutte e due le squadre hanno vinto le semifinali per 2-1 ri-spettivamente contro il Sun-shine e l'Heidelberg. Sarà un partitone le due finaliste sono indubbiamente le due squadre più in forma e più ricche di grossi nomi vecchi e nuovi.

La Juventus di Melbourne, tagliata fuori dalla coppa not-turna dopo il primo turno, sta affilando le armi con una serie di partite amichevoli. Il nuovo acquisto Belic sembra abbia già trovato un buon li-tello di intesa con i suoi nuovi compagni di squadra. Il forte centrocampista potrà risol-vere la maggior parte dei pro-blemi della squadra, poiché ha le doti tecniche e tecniche per essere un arginatore di attac-chi avversari ed un propulsore di attacchi bianconeri.

Con lui in squadra, dovrebbe migliorare di molto anche il rendimento delle punte Ziani (già ottimo) e Lane (ancora da esplodere) e il lavoro della di-fesa dovrebbe essere alquanto alleggerito. Se poi Banovic do-

vesse riprendere a giocare (e' pur sempre giocatore della Juve), potremmo quasi tro-varci nuovamente di fronte ad una gran bella squadra.

Ci auguriamo perciò che McKendry e Caruso (e il comi-tato che egli rappresenta quando siede in panchina) sap-piano e possano prendere le ul-time importanti decisioni e quindi dedicarsi con serenità e lucidità al lavoro non facile, ma nemmeno impossibile, di avere una formazione da suc-ceduto per il primo incontro del campionato: sabato sera, 28 marzo, all'Olympic Park nel derby italiano con il Marconi.

Come sempre il lavoro e i risultati non sono di esclusiva responsabilità di giocatori, al-lenatori e comitati. I giocatori debbono fare la loro parte riversandosi in massa al cam-pio. Alla fin dei conti, un Juve-nus-Marconi è uno di quei partitoni che hanno tutto per rimanere nella storia. Che tutti i tifosi juventini siano allo sta-dio quella sera e' cosa scontata, ma non sufficiente!

Tutti sappiamo ormai che di tifosi veri e propri ce ne sono rimasti pochini: sta a tutti loro perciò "trascinarci" (con la forza se necessario) quanti più

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amici possibile. Se non si av-ranno almeno diecimila spetta-tori per una partita del genere, e' segno che gli italiani di Mel-bourne non meritano questi squadrini. Staremo a vedere... e con una certa fiducia che tale cifra sarà raggiunta e forse superata.

Intanto ha preso il via la Lega Statale del Victoria e le tre squadre italiane hanno fatto abbastanza bene; al-meno nessuna è stata scon-fitta. Il Fawknar per cominciare ha vinto attenta-mente contro il Northcote con 2-2 che non ammette repliche.

Gli Azzurri hanno dimo-strato un buon grado di forma avanzata ed hanno messo in mostra i grossi calibri di cui si compongono: Palankas, Tuf-feld, Cozzella, Fattore, Wilson, ecc.), e delle brillanti stelle nas-centi del suo vivaio (come Bor-dignon e Ferla).

La squadra di Jukes Road sembra avere le carte in regola per fare la parte della prola-gante in questo campionato e la trasferta sul campo del mo-desto Oakleigh sabato pros-simo dovrebbe fruttare al tri-

due punti importanti in questo periodo di rodaggio in cam-pionato. I nuovi acquisti Sten-son e Verechia hanno ancora bisogno di alcune partite prima di poter inserirsi perfetta-mente nella formazione.

Il Thomastown è tornato con due punti dal campo del coriaceo Caulfield; e questo è già un ottimo risultato in se stesso. Quanto sia meritato è un altro paio di maniche. Se-condo alcuni osservatori si è trattato di un risultato "fortu-nato". Per noi c'è poco di for-tunato nel segnare un ottimo goal dopo 15 minuti di gioco e resistere all'arrembaggio della squadra avversaria per gli altri 75 minuti. Se poi faranno un monumento al portiere Mauro Raponi, nessuno potrà dire che non c'è merito (questa volta ha anche parlato un rigore).

Comunque la squadra di Mike Lynn aveva grossi falli a centrocampo a causa delle as-senze di Coyne, Plianito e Hig-gins; con il loro ritorno ha tut-te le possibilità di continuare a vincere anche "meritamen-te". Il suo prossimo im-piego è domenica in casa

contro la squadra dell'Austra-lian Institute of Sport di Can-berra (le partite contro questa squadra non contano per la classifica).

Il Morwell Falcons ha pare-giato in casa con l'A.I.S. e per-cio non ha perso (questo è ovvio), ma non ha nemmeno guadagnato un punto in classi-fica appunto perché non ce ne nerano in palio. Sabaudo pros-simo ospiterà il Western Sub-urbs e comincerà perciò il suo campionato "sul serio".

Nella Dockerty Cup, bella vittoria del Bulleen Veneto contro l'Albion e sconfitta della Triestina e dell'E.B. Abruzzo. Si ricorda a soci e tifosi della Juventus che la prima assem-blea generale del club si terrà giovedì 19 marzo al Crystal T. sarà questa l'occasione di sa-perne come vanno i preparati-ve per il progetto del campo a Brunswick e cosa sempre mol-to importante all'inizio dell'anno, per farsi soci e portare altri amici a farsi soci.

NAJBOLJI U FINALU NOCNOG KUPA

Melbourne Croatia i South Melbourne Hellas sastace se u finalu Nocnog Buffalo Kupa u subotu 14. marta na Olympic Parku.

Do finala su dosli zasluzeno, iako nisu uvek bili na visini, mada su uvek bili za niansu bolji od protivnika. Uostalom, najviše su oizli u igrace i na vreme poceli sa pripremanja. To ne znaci da ce u prvenstvu, koje je na pragu, voditi glavni rec, sto se pokazalo prošle godine.

Favorit u Nocnom finalu na papiru je Hellas, ali posto i drugi faktori odlucuju nase nas iznenaditi pobeđa Croatiae.

J.U.S.T.-OVA DRAMA
PLAVI su opet u minut do 12 povukli poter koji treba da ih vrati u život, jer su u Nocnom kupu bili skoro na izdisaju. Isti tim, Sekularac se vratilo, ali ostao je bez igrace. Klubu je napustilo osam igrace, od toga 5 po Sekularcevoj želji, dok je Vlatko Belic zloputre-bio poverenje uprave da pre-meni sredinu.

U toku dve nedelje treba sada izgraditi sasvim nov tim. Savno jedan igrace stize iz Jugos-lavije, jer je iscrpljena kvota. Ostale treba naci na domacem trzistu, sto nije laka ali je mo-guce ako ima para.

Nova jedinstvena uprava, koju ce verovatno ponovo vo-diti Toni Almon pocese rad sa 100.000 dolara u gotovinu. To je značajna suma ako se korisno upotrebi.

Na startu novog prvenstva sastaju se JUST i Makedonija, koja takodje prolazi kroz krizu, na igralistu JUST-a. Ocekuje se rekordna poseta, jer ce obe ekipe nastupiti sa sasvim no-vim sastavima.

PRIPREME "PLAVIH"
Prosteticki ces prvi tim JUST-a bio je gost Spring-Uniteda na imanju Jugoslo-venkog radnickog centra u Keysboroughu. Sekularac je u prvom poluvremenu izveo mnogi sastav, pa je igra bila ravnomerna.

Posle odmora ubacio je se-dam iskushnih igrace, koji su preuzeli komandu u svoje ruke, ali sta vredi kada su od silnih prilika iskoristili svega jednu Problem JUST-a sto nema iz-razitost jednice. Moza treba sa-cekati da Latif skine pet do deset kilograma. Istina postigao je je-dini gol, ali je promasio pet, i to sa nekoliko metara.

JUST-ov sastav: Nikitovic (Vlajacic), Jandrijevici (An-gelo), Barjakarevic, Van Eg-mond, Curovic, Burlak (Karic), Tapai, Saglam (Obr-a-novic), Latif, Spink (James), Lujic.

Springvale United: Mandic (Jankovic), Gentile, M. Janko-vic, Dragojevic, Kerezovic, Veljovic, Tepic, Filipovski (Di-vo), Becirovic, Lugens, Dju-ckic (Blazevski), Jellicic.

Uprava Springvale Uniteda postavila je igrace oba tima sa bogatom vecerom i pice. Se-kularac je iskoristio priliku da demostriira i zahovsko znanje. Dobio je osam, a izgubio dve partije.

U svakom slucaju bilo je to korisno vece, jer u ovom kraju JUST ima mnogo navijaca, a

U prvom kolu Victoria Liga Kupa Mladost se sastaje sa Co-burgom na Grey Reserve, Kor-dait Creek Reserve u Williamstownu, u subotu 14. marta. Pocetak utakmice u 3 sata po podne.

U Dockerty Cupu je ispala Lalor/Sloga, posto je izgubila

Mendo Ristovski i Altona Gate je povelja sa 1:0.

U 67. minutu Mendo Risto-vski je mogao da resi utak-micu, ali njegov strahovit udarac pogodio je umesto mreže nečija ledja i lopta se odbila u polje.

Kada su svi ocekivali da se utakmica završi pobedom Al-tona Gate, Meko Holdings je iz-jednacio u 89. minutu. Strelac je bio stari star i najbolji gol-ger Industrijske lige Tom Tasevski.

U pocetku produktivna igre Tom Tasevski je ponovo imao naskak da moge da sorkub u vodjstvo, ali njegov sat sa deset-ak metara otisao je visoko u golaut.

U 99. minutu Mendo Risto-vski je idealno centrirao, a rezervni igrac Tim Bickeli ga-lijev je sprovodio loptu u mrežu i 2:1 za Altonu Gate.

U 105. minutu Ljube Pe-trovski je iz slobodnog udarca cijao gornji levu ugo. Svi su videli loptu u mrezi, ali golman Ernie Toth se bacio kao panter i prebio loptu u kornar. Dob-ile je veliki aplauz od navijaca oba kluba.

Tim Bickeli je u 107. minutu dobio nadimak "super sub", jer je poslignio svoj gol, a Var-darov Irci got koji je odlozio pobednika ove utakmice.

Sastav Altona Gate: Ernie Toth, Zoran Tasevski, Jimmy Derivisovski, Jonce Serovski, Tibor Drinocky, Ljube Ta-

levski (Arthur Davis od 60. minuta) Mendo Ristovski, Zlatko Veljanovski, Miki Kra-kić, Simon Micevski, Goran Georgjevski.

Najbolji igraci: Zlatko Vel-janovski, Tibor Drinocky i Jonce Serovski.

U subotu 14. marta Altona Gate Vardar igra protiv Ver-beice u prvom kolu Victoria League Cup-a. Utakmica po-cinje u 3 sata po podne na Pais-ley Reserve u North Altoni. U predgri se sastaju rezerve.

DOVETON — WILLIAM-STOWN Mladost 2:1 (0:1). Plavci i Williamstown su povelj sa 1:0 preko Lou Nan-tona vec u 6. minutu. Iskushni igraci Dovetona, uz pomoć pristrasnog sudije Tony Soren-sona, postigli su dva gola pred klat utakmice u 75. i 85. minutu.

Sasiv Mladosti: Milutin Ciric, Graham Murray, Slobodan Sajnovic, Mirko Beker, Vasko Stojicevic, Lou Hanson, Nedeljko Mudrinic, Cane Traj-kovski, Ado Kolakovic (Stevica Meevovic), Robert Bulitica (Mus-tafa Jusic), Slobodan Dimitrijevic.

U prvom kolu Victoria Liga Kupa Lalor/Sloga je ispala Albion Rovers sa 4:1 na jedanaesteru. U regularnom vremenu utakmica se zavr-sila nerešeno 1:1.

Za treće mesto Westgate SINDJELIC pobedio je Altonu

Gate VARDAR sa 2:1 (1:0). Strelci: Tony Marchett i George Orlandis za Sindjelic, Boris Gelevski za Vardar.

Pobednik je dobio 750 do-lara, drugi 400, treci 250 i cetvrti 100 dol.

JUNIORSKA RUBRIKA
Prošle nedelje JUST-ovi juniorski postigli sledeće rez-ul-tate u prijateljskim susre-tima na svom igralistu:

Ispod 11 godina, JUST — Fawknar 0:3
Ispod 12 godina, JUST — Fawknar 1:5. Strelac Nick Mitrovic.

Ispod 13 godina, JUST — FAWKNER 2:2. Strelci: Goran Stankovski i Robert Markin-ovic iz jedanaesterca.

Ispod 14 godina, JUST — Yarraville 3:2. Sva tri gola po-stigao je Damir Gnjidic.

JUST-ov tim ispod 14 godina pobedio je u petak uvece George Cross sa 2:1. Strelci: Damir Gnjidic i Albert Gavazovski.

U sredu 11. marta JUST ispod 14 godina igra protiv Fawknara na svom igralistu u Footscray. Pocetak u 6 sati po podne.

JUST ispod 15 godina igra protiv Fawknara u petak 13. marta u 5 uvece i protiv Oak-leigha u nedelju 15. marta u 1 sat po podne. Obe utakmice igraju se na igralistu JUST-a u Footscrayu.

JUGOSLAVENSKA SCENA



● Arsenal's David Rocastle (white sleeves) surges through the Chelsea defence at Stamford Bridge last Saturday. At right is Chelsea defender Keith Jones. Chelsea won the match 1-0.

Liverpool hits top spot

Liverpool, which led the English First Division for a brief seven-day spell in January, went top for only the second time this season when it took its revenge on FA Cup conqueror Luton.

A 2-0 victory at Anfield, courtesy of a Jan Molby penalty and an own goal by Luton defender Mal Donaghy, lifted Liverpool three points ahead of fellow Merseysiders Everton.

And Liverpool's grip on first place could be even longer this time because Everton lost 1-2 to Watford.

Third-placed Arsenal, chasing a unique trophy treble, suffered an understandable reaction to its four-hour League Cup semi-final victory over Tottenham at London neighbour Chelsea, where it lost 1-0.

Chelsea had eight first-team squad members unavailable through injury, illness and suspension and was forced to recall tiny striker Colin West, who had been on loan with Scottish First Division club Partick Thistle.

West, 19 years old and only 1.65 metres tall, made an immediate impact on his debut by scoring the winner after five minutes when he seized on a rare David O'Leary error and tucked a firm shot neatly past Arsenal goalkeeper John Lukic.

FA Cup quarter-finalist Arsenal, now four points adrift with a game in hand, seldom threatened the Chelsea goal though midfielder David Rocastle, who scored his extra time winner in the League Cup semi-final replay with Tottenham, was unfortunate to hit the post shortly before half-time.

While Arsenal is beginning to show the first signs of fatigue after an arduous season, Liverpool, its League Cup Final opponent on April 5, appears to be hitting top form at exactly the right time.

Player-manager Kenny Dalglish left himself on the sidelines and recent £180,000 (£187,500) signing John Aldridge on the substitute's bench, despite the fact the former Oxford striker scored the winner against Southampton the previous week.

With Molby, Steve McMahon and Craig Johnston taking a firm grip on midfield, Liverpool dominated proceedings from the start and went in front after 18 minutes when Luton defender Rob Johnson handled the ball during a frantic goalmouth melee.

Molby converted the resultant penalty with typical nonchalance and Liverpool increased its advantage five minutes from half-time when Donaghy had the misfortune to turn the ball past his own goalkeeper during another Liverpool surge.

Tottenham bounced back from the League Cup disappointment with a gritty 1-0 home win over Queen's Park Rangers which left it eight points adrift of Liverpool but with two games in hand.

Almost inevitably Clive Allen scored the winner with a 59th minute penalty, his 40th goal of an extraordinary year which should see him overtake Jimmy Greaves as Tottenham's top scorer in a single season.

Glasgow Rangers remained top of the Scottish Premier League on goal difference, despite ranking up against some unexpectedly stiff resistance at lowly Falkirk, where it won 2-1 thanks to two first half goals from striker Ally McCoist.

Glasgow Celtic maintained its challenge in second place by beating Motherwell 3-1 at home. Scotland World Cup midfielder Roy Aitken put Celtic ahead and further goals from Brian McClair and Tony Shepherd sealed Motherwell's fate.

Third-placed Dundee United, which beat Barcelona in the UEFA Cup in midweek, slipped three points behind Rangers but with a game in hand when it was held to a 1-1 draw at home by Clydebank.

RED STAR HOT

Red Star Belgrade produced one of the greatest performances in its European soccer history last week when it beat Real Madrid 4-2 in a thrilling Champions' Cup quarter-final first leg played on a frozen pitch in Belgrade.

With the temperature down to minus 12 degrees centigrade, the Yugoslav champion swept to a 3-0 half-time lead and dominated the match for an hour with raking through passes and enthusiastic running.

Real, with four players in tracksuit bottoms and several wearing gloves, looked doomed until veteran winger Juanito came on as a 59th minute substitute for midfielder Jesus Solana.

Juanito's skill and accuracy with the ball transformed a team desperately missing injured striker Emilio Butragueno and, though Milan Jankovic added Red Star's fourth from a penalty, Real struck twice through Hugo Sanchez to reduce the deficit.

Such is Real's record at home in European competition, a tactical disadvantage may be beyond its powers of recovery, but it will need to be at its best to overhaul Red Star at the Santiago Bernabeu next week.

Real Star began at a furious pace and swept ahead in the seventh minute when Mitar Mrkela ended a long run by cutting the ball back for captain Bosko Djurovski to score.

In just 38 seconds, Real was awarded a penalty when a defender used his hands to block a drive by Michel Gonzales. Sanchez's shot was saved by goalkeeper Stjepan Stojanovic.

It was an expensive miss as the Mexican World Cup striker as Red Star went 2-0 up in the 12th minute, Zarko Djurovski bursting through and clipping the ball over the advancing Francisco Bufo from 15 metres.

Boro Cvetkovic grabbed the third for Red Star in the 39th minute when he moved on to another long pass, outpaced the defence, rounded Bufo and scored from a narrow angle.

Red Star might have scored again. Mitar Mrkela hit the bar

minutes, and Internazionale Milan held Gothenburg to a 0-0 draw in Sweden.

Meanwhile, Bayern Munich found inspiration in bitterly cold conditions as it ripped apart Anderlecht's depleted defence to seize a brilliant 5-0 win in the first leg of their European Cup quarter-final in Munich.

First-half goals from Michael Rummenigge and Hans Pflueger, two from Dieter Hoeneß and a fifth from Roland Wohlfarth in the second half left the Belgian visitors with a mountain to climb in the second leg.

Undeterred by temperatures of 20 degrees below freezing, the West Germans stormed at Anderlecht's suspect defence right from the whistle and discovered at once how vulnerable it was.

Trainer Udo Lattek must have had visions of a repeat of last season's quarter-final in the Olympia stadium almost a year ago to the day when a rampant Bayern also led 2-0 against Anderlecht at the break.

Then Bayern conceded a second-half goal against the run of play and Anderlecht went on to win the return and take the tie 3-2 on aggregate.

Dundee United gave its enthusiastic little band of supporters a night to treasure with a single goal victory over Barcelona in the UEFA Cup in Dundee.

Although winger Kevin Gallacher's second minute winner is unlikely to give United any hope of survival in the return match in Spain next week the Scots have every justification to look back with pride on the first leg of this quarter-final.

Had the rest of the United attack shown the same inventiveness as World Cup striker Paul Sturrock — and had Italian referee Paolo Casarini been more generous with two penalty appeals — Barcelona might have been facing an altogether different proposition in the return.

Sturrock was in inspired form throughout, completely outstripping Barcelona's multi-million dollar British attacking partnership of Gary Lineker and Mark Hughes, which was treated to repeated choruses of "What a waste of money" from the home fans.

But the Spaniards had no shortage of impressive individuals, notably captain Victor Munoz and capricious winger Francisco Carrasco, who marred an entertaining display by fluffing the best chance of the tie after a dazzling exchange of passes with his skipper near half-time.

Put clean through the Dundee defence, Carrasco contrived to hit the ball against the legs of Scotland's World Cup reserve goalkeeper Billy Thomson.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

ITALY

First Division: Atalanta 0 Napoli 1, Avellino 1 Verona 1, Fiorentina 1 Como 2, Juventus 2 Ascoli 2, Milan 1 Empoli 0, Roma 1 Torino 0, Sampdoria 3 Internazionale 1, Udinese 1 Brescia 0.

LEADING STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Napoli	13	7	1	34	12	33
Roma	11	6	4	30	15	26
Juventus	10	8	3	30	18	28
Milan	11	6	4	22	11	28
Internazionale	10	6	5	26	14	26
Verona	8	8	5	23	19	24
Sampdoria	8	7	5	23	17	22
Como	4	11	6	12	14	19

HOLLAND

First Division: Den Bosch 1 Groningen 1, Feyenoord 3 Roda JC 2, Utrecht 2 Haarlem 1, Ajax 3 Excelsior 0, Fortuna Sittard 0 PSV 1, AZ V Den Haag postponed.

LEADING STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ajax	19	2	2	27	17	40
PSV	17	3	1	32	12	37
Den Bosch	10	7	5	33	25	27
Feyenoord	9	7	5	28	30	25
VVV	7	9	6	26	30	23

FRANCE

First Division: Rennes 0 Bordeaux 1, Auxerre 0 Marseille 0, Bastia 1 Toulouse 2, Saint-Etienne 0 Monaco 0, Nantes 2.

LEADING STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Nantes	11	8	3	33	18	30
Auxerre	10	9	6	29	21	29
Nantes	10	9	6	26	21	29

Sechaux 1, Nice 3 Le Havre 1, Metz 1, Laval 0, Lille 1 Paris Saint-Germain 0, Tourcois 1 Nancy 0, Racing Club Paris 5 Lens 0.

LEADING STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bordeaux	14	8	3	35	16	35
Marseille	12	11	2	34	16	35
Sechaux	12	8	3	30	13	30
Nantes	10	9	6	26	21	29
Auxerre	10	9	6	29	21	29

POLAND

First Division: Ruch Chorzow 0 Gornik Zabrze 0, Lech Poznan 1 Gornik Walbrzych 1, Stal Mielec 1 Widzew Lodz 0, Motor Lublin 1 Olimpia Pzkan 1, Lechia Gdansk 1 Zagłębie Lubin 0, KSZO Lodz 1 Legia Warszawa 3, GKS Katowice 4 Polonia Bytom 1, Slask Wroclaw 4, Pogoń Szczecin 1.

LEADING STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Gornik Zabrze	9	5	2	32	13	28
GKS Katowice	8	5	3	32	15	25
Slask Wroclaw	9	7	5	29	20	23
Legia Warszawa	7	7	2	27	18	21
Pogoń Szczecin	6	7	3	30	24	19

GREECE

First Division: AEK 1 Aris 0, Kalamata 0 Olympiakos 1, Vioniana 1 Diagoras 0, Doxa 3 Veria 0, Ethnikos 0 Iraklis 0, OFI 1 Apollon 0, PAKO 0 Larissa 0, Panathinaikos 2 Panionios 2.

LEADING STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	
Liverpool	30	17	7	6	54	29	58
Everton	29	16	7	6	53	29	55
Arsenal	29	15	9	4	42	17	54
Tottenham	28	15	5	8	49	23	50
Sheff Wed	29	13	8	9	48	33	49
Luton	30	14	8	8	34	30	50
Norwich	30	12	13	10	43	33	49
Coventry	29	12	7	10	41	33	47
Wimbledon	30	13	5	12	39	36	44
Manchester	29	13	11	10	39	30	44
Watford	28	11	7	10	46	36	40
Sheff Utd	29	11	11	10	40	46	31
Chelsea	31	10	9	12	39	49	39
West Ham	30	10	8	11	43	48	38
Cardiff	29	11	11	11	40	48	38
Oxford	30	8	10	12	31	48	34
Southampton	30	9	11	11	40	46	34
Charlton	30	7	8	15	29	42	29
Millwall	30	6	11	13	27	40	27
Leicester	30	7	6	17	37	40	27
Aston Villa	31	6	9	16	35	61	27
Newcastle	29	7	7	16	31	52	25

LEADING STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Olympiakos	15	4	2	40	18	34
PAOK	11	7	3	37	18	29
Veria	13	9	2	30	16	29
Panathinaikos	9	8	4	27	16	26
Iraklis	8	4	7	25	24	23
AEL	8	8	5	29	19	21

BELGIUM

First Division: FC Liege 1 Lokeren 1, Antwerp 0 Racing Jell 0, Waregem 0 Mechelen 1, Berchem 4 Kortrijk 1, Ghent 1 Molenbeek 1, Vervet 1 Charleroi 1, Anderlecht 1 Club Brugge 0, Cercle Brugge 0 beerschoot 0, Seraing 1 Standard Liege 3.

LEADING STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Anderlecht	16	5	5	51	33	37
Mechelen	15	5	10	36	35	35
Beveren	10	12	13	34	32	32
Lokeren	11	8	3	32	30	32
Club Brugge	12	5	4	41	29	31

SPAIN

First Division: Real Valladolid 2 Athletic Bilbao 0, Real Madrid 2 Sevilla 1, Espanol 3 Sabadell 1, Real Murcia 1 Cadix 0, Sporting 2 Racing 1, Real Zaragoza 2 Valencia 0, Real Betis 0 Osasuna 0, Real Sociedad 0 Alfilico Madrid 0.

LEADING STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Real Madrid	15	13	5	50	27	40
Barcelona	15	8	15	28	19	43
Espanol	16	8	16	50	27	40

PORTUGAL

Fifth Round Portuguesa Cup results: Portimonense 1 Ermesinde 0, Covilhã 2 Porto 2, Benfica 6 Ferreira 1, Sporting 5 Espérance Lamego 1, Estrela 1 Rio Ave 0, Colmar 2 S. Louses 0, Boavista 5 Terralva 0, O. Havanense 1 Chaves 1 (after extra time).

WEST GERMANY

West German Cup quarter-final results: Stuttgart Kickers 3 Eintracht Frankfurt 1, Borussia Mönchengladbach 2 Bayern Uerdingen 2, Darmstadt 0 Hamburg SV 1, Fortuna Düsseldorf 1, Karlsruhe 0.

LEADING STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bayern Leverkusen	3	0	0	10	3	6
Borussia Dortmund	4	1	1	10	5	9

EAST GERMANY

First Division: Stahl Brandenburg 1, Koh-Magazin 0, Energie Cottbus 0, Verwahrt Frankfurt 2, Dynamo Berlin 2, Hal-Weiss Elster 0, Fortschritt Rostock 2, Zinn-Union 2, Carl Zeiss Jena 2, Stahl Riesa 1, Lok Leipzig 1, Wismut Aue 0, Magdeburg 2, Dynamo Dresden 2.

LEADING STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dynamo Berlin	11	3	3	39	25	25
Lok Leipzig	10	3	2	30	12	23
Dynamo Dresden	5	6	4	28	19	16
Magdeburg	7	4	2	24	18	19
Wismut Aue	8	4	2	18	13	16



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